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New US Labor rule will increase salary level for exempt employees

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REPORTER

The important change to the Fair Labor Standards Act White Collar Overtime Exemption rules is that it increases the standard salary level from the current \$455 a week to \$913 a week for exempt employees effective Dec. 1, 2016, according to U.S. Department of Labor Wage & Hour Division Guam Area Office assistant district director Patrick Candoleta.

AS CNMI ECONOMY IMPROVES Number of NAP work registrants in decline

New data from the Nutrition Assistance Program shows a steady decline in its Work Registration Program as more recipients are landing jobs in the workforce.

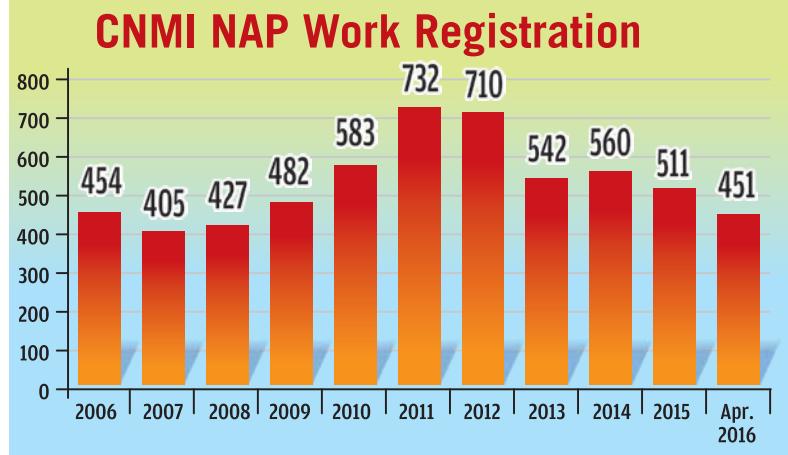
The program, which mandates able-bodied NAP recipients to actively seek employment in order to receive benefits, provides skills training and education in collaboration with the Department of Labor and the

Northern Marianas Trades Institute.

Registration peaked back in 2011 with over 700 participants, but has seen a significant drop-off in the number of its registrants over the last several years with the current number dipping below 500 for the first time since 2009.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres is confident that the continued drop in NAP

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» Candoleta commends hotel industry for doing a lot better in complying with laws, regulations on labor, wages

As this developed, Candoleta also commended the CNMI's hotel industry for doing a lot better than a couple of years back as far as fed-

eral laws and regulations regarding labor and wages.

Candoleta discussed the changes in the FLSA White Collar Overtime

Exemption rules at his presentation before the Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter held yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's.

The assistant district director said that in March 2014, President Obama issued a memorandum that requires or directed the U.S. Labor Secretary to review the overtime regulations and to make changes as necessary.

He said the notice of proposed rulemaking was issued in July 2015 and the final rule was published in May 2016.

The final rule effective date is
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Kilili speaks at Democratic National Convention



Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) speaks before the Democratic National Convention at the Comcast Spectacor's Wells Fargo Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA—Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) spoke before the Democratic National Convention, along with other members of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus.

Sablan introduced himself to the Convention and a national television audience as the representative of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands. And he highlighted one reason he has endorsed Secretary

Hillary Clinton to be the next President of the United States.

"I support Hillary Clinton because she believes that all Americans—including those in the Pacific Island

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In celebrating 50 years as a priest, Fr. Kenneth Hezel, S.J., said that he is filled with "wonder and gratitude."

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His own legacy on the line, President Barack Obama implored Americans to elect Hillary Clinton to the White House.

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Adel Kermiche nursed his obsession with jihad in this quiet French town alongside the Seine River.

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'Each member of NMI delegation to DNC shouldered their expenses'

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Each of the 13 members of the CNMI delegation to the three-day Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia shouldered their own expenses, according to delegation chair Janet H. King.

King told *Saipan Tribune* that each of them paid for their own plane tickets, hotel stays, and incidentals.

Most members of the CNMI delegation arrived in Philadelphia on Friday, July 22, and the rest arrived on Sunday, July 24.

There are four Hillary Clinton pledged delegates

and King serves as delegation chair. The other Clinton pledged delegates are attorney Joe Hill, Angelo Villagomez, and Mona Manglona. Frances Castro, an alternate delegate, is also a credentials committee member.

Attorney Stephen Woodruff and Bob Schwalbach are pledged delegates to U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders.

The five super delegates pledged to Clinton are CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili Camacho Sablan (Ind-MP), NMI Democratic Party chair Daniel O. Quitugua, NMI Democratic Party treasurer Emiliana Charqualaf, former judge Herbert

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VOICES: Won Jun Lee



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Won Jun Lee, 47, right, poses for a photo at the Legislature on Saipan. Like many others, Lee is directly affected by the humanitarian crisis.

Editor's note: Saipan Tribune ends its weekly series with the story of 47-year-old Won Jun Lee. "Voices" shares the stories of those in the CW community and sheds light on the humanitarian crisis in the CNMI.

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

Won Jun Lee, 47, has lived on Saipan for more than half of his life. As a contract worker, he is worried of what may come if he is forced to leave the CNMI, where his father who passed away in 2000 is buried. Lee came to Saipan to join his family in 1991 and decided to stay and continue working as they moved to the mainland.

"I never imagined I would ever have to leave from here," he told *Saipan Tribune*. "I have so many friends who are local, American, Japanese, Chinese, Filipino, and so many more."

Lee is still waiting on his green card application, which his family filed two years ago. In that time, he is melancholy because of the situation his fellow workers are in as well.

"I feel so sad because many people who lived long time leave or died and some people prepare to leave now too," Lee said.

He noted that many of those he knows who came to the island as investors, just like his own father, have not received any form of "improved status" after working for more than three or four decades.

green card or residency. His siblings in the mainland had limited funding and struggled to assist Lee in rebuilding at the time.

At the end of the day, Lee said that "many people just want to remain in their homes and work for their family." He added, "Do not let us continue to suffer."

Author's note:

Saipan Tribune expresses its gratitude to those who bravely came forward to share their story as a part of this series.

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Boy, 3, woman, 61, nearly drown at 2 hotels

A 3-year-old boy and a 61-year-old woman nearly drowned at two hotels on Saipan on Wednesday night.

Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services spokesman Derek Gersonde said that as of yesterday that they have no information regarding the two victims' condition.

Gersonde said they received a call from the Department of Public Safety's 911 dispatch on Wednesday at 6:05pm about a near drowning incident at the Saipan World Resort.

Gersonde said medics from Koblerville and Susupe Fire Stations immediately responded and came

upon a 3-year-old Chinese boy complaining of stomach pain.

The hotel's lifeguards stated that the boy was found underwater in the pool area.

Upon rescue, the lifeguard found the boy's face had blue pigmentation and was unresponsive. Lifeguards then performed one set of cardio

pulmonary resuscitation, causing the boy to regain consciousness, but with a low oxygen reading.

Gersonde said the boy was given oxygen and rushed to the Commonwealth Health Center's emergency room.

In the second incident, DFEMS received a call Wednesday at 6:10pm from

DPS 911 dispatch about a near drowning case at the Kanoa Resort.

Medics from Garapan and Susupe Fire Stations responded and came upon a 61-year-old Chinese woman who was conscious but unresponsive.

The hotel's lifeguard supervisor stated that the woman was floating near the shore.

Upon rescue, the woman

was found without a pulse and her face had blue pigmentation and she had foamy discharge from her mouth.

Lifeguards performed three sets of CPR, causing the victim to have a pulse. She was then assisted with rescue breathing.

The victim had a low oxygen reading. She was given oxygen and rushed to CHC's emergency room. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

LABOR

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Dec. 1, 2016.

Candoleta said one of the most common FLSA minimum wage and overtime exemption is what is often called the "EAP" or the "white collar" exemption.

He said this exemption says that if employers employed people in an executive capacity, administrative, or a professional capacity, they don't have to pay their federal minimum wage or any overtime hour to pay for more work over 40 hours in a week.

He said a test to claim a valid or bona fide exemption under the law, is that employers must pay the em-

ployees on a salary basis; second they must pay them a salary or minimum salary level; and third, there must be job responsibilities.

"Exempt employees must meet all these three criteria," Candoleta explained.

"What are the final overtime rule changes? Basically is that it increases the salary level for your exempt employees. It increases the salary level for your highly compensated employees," he said.

Candoleta said it also allows employers to use nondiscretionary bonuses to satisfy a certain amount of the salary requirements and also provides automatic updates to the rules.

He said come Dec. 1, 2016, to maintain and claim a valid exemption under the FLSA in addition to the other criteria

employers must pay the employees at least \$913 a week.

"That comes out to about \$47,000 plus a year," he pointed out.

The new rule, Candoleta said, also increases the compensation of the employers' highly compensated employees from a \$100,000 to a \$134,000 per annum effective Dec. 1, 2016.

Candoleta said there is, however, a misconception or misunderstanding that come Dec. 1, the exempt employees have to be automatically increased to \$913 a week.

"That's not true," he said.

Candoleta said if employers want to maintain a valid exemption, then they must increase their employee's salary to \$913 a week.

He said if the employers

don't want to increase the employees' salary and want to maintain the status quo and fall below the \$913 per week, then they become non-exempt employees.

"If they work overtime, then you pay them overtime," Candoleta said.

He said the \$913 per week will apply to the CNMI as well regardless if the minimum wage here is still at \$6.05 an hour. "You want to claim a valid exemption, you have to pay them \$913 a week because the regulations don't allow you to pay less than that," Candoleta said.

Meanwhile, Candoleta praised the hotel industry for "doing a lot better." He said he is happy to report that 12 or 15 cases involving hotels, they also saw some minor violations due

to some administrative error or not understanding the law.

"In other words, we didn't see any egregious that we kind of saw in the past, which is the good thing," he said.

Candoleta said efforts to go out there to educate and work with the hotel industry has paid off.

"We are happy to report that," he said.

He said the hotel industry as a whole, not only the Hotel Association of the NMI, can be used to be a model business in the Commonwealth.

"We are happy to report that as far as the hotel industry is concerned you guys are doing a lot of better than a couple of

years back," Candoleta said.

In an interview, Candoleta said they want to tell the business community and the employers out here again that it's their best interest to comply with federal laws and regulations regarding labor and wages.

He said they provide this kind of outreach event to give employers that information so that they can make best decisions regarding compliance for their businesses.

"So basically we want to make sure that we get as much compliance in the employer community as we can. Compliance is our number one priority," he added.

years ahead of the U.S. Presidential elections.

King said they owe their attendance at DNC to retired judge and current Attorney General Edward Manibusan, former judge Soll, Schwaback, CNMI Delegate Sablan, and countless others.

"But these are the initial sparks that began what you see now as a movement set ablaze," King said.

EACH

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Soll, and Nola Hix.

Attorney Michael White is a member of the rules committee, while attorney Brian Flaherty is the delegation page.

It's the first time a CNMI delegation has attended the Democratic National Convention that takes place every four

Barack Obama in 2010 that resulted in a \$109-million increase in Medicaid funding for the Northern Marianas through the Affordable Care Act. The money, which has been going to the Commonwealth Healthcare Center at the rate of over \$1 million every month, has been essential to keeping the Commonwealth's only hospital open. Medicaid is the federal program that insures low-income individuals.

"I am looking forward to working with President Hillary Clinton to enact the healthcare policies President Obama has set out for the insular areas," Sablan said. In the Fiscal Year 2017 budget, President Obama proposed removing the cap on federal Medicaid payments to the insular areas and increasing the federal share of Medicaid from the current 55 percent to 83 percent, the same as the highest percentage provided to any U.S. state.

Other CAPAC members highlighted Clinton's plan for debt-free college, better care for veterans, and comprehensive immigration reform. (*PR*)



U.S. Department of Labor Wage & Hour Division Guam Area Office assistant district director Patrick Candoleta and Labor Wage & Hour Division investigator Dan Wang receive plaques of appreciation from officers of the Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter yesterday at the Pacific Islands Club's Charley's. Candoleta and Wang discussed, among other things, the white collar overtime exemption rules.

NAP

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recipients is an indication that more recipients are in the labor force as the economy continues to expand.

"As the economy continues to improve, jobs are becoming more and more available for our residents. For our recipients, it's clear that increasing their skills will lead them to employment, have higher earnings, and become more self-sufficient," Torres said.

"NAP plays an important role in reducing food inse-

curity, especially among our children, but we do want our recipients to continue searching for good jobs because they are out there. With our work of increasing the minimum wage, we can have more of our residents break the cycle of poverty," he added.

Department of Community and Cultural Affairs Secretary Robert H. Hunter said he is very encouraged by the current trend of the reduction in the applications for NAP benefits and its relation to the trend in the declining number of individuals enrolled in the NAP work registration program.

"What the data is showing is an increasing number of NAP recipients making the move into the workforce, and I believe that this trend will continue. The downward trend in NAP applicants generally may also reflect the improvement in wage levels," he noted. "While we certainly want to make sure that we accommodate every single person who needs food assistance, we want to make sure that we do what we can to see employable individuals transition into the workforce."

Hunter added that DCCA is currently working with the USDA's Food and Nutrition

Service to further achieve education, training, and employment goals, as well as revamp eligibility qualifications for NAP benefits.

"With regard to eligibility qualifications, we are looking at options to address families with household incomes that may exceed the current guidelines by a particular threshold, but who still need some level of food assistance. We want to see employable individuals employed, and we also want to ensure that employed individuals remain employed, and do not have to make the choice between their employment or food assistance," he said. (*PR*)

territories—should have access to quality, affordable healthcare," Sablan said.

The unique health care needs of the Pacific Island territories are recognized in the Democratic Party Platform approved by the convention on Monday night. In it the party states it takes "seriously the unique health care challenges that Pacific Island communities face" and affirms its commitment to "health care as a fundamental right for every American."

"I'm proud that our platform in so many ways reflects the unique needs of the Marianas and the territories of the United States," said Mona Manglona, member of the Marianas delegation. "Health care is one of the important issues that needs to be addressed in the Commonwealth."

Equal treatment for the Marianas under federal health care programs is a longstanding goal for Sablan. He was part of the congressional team negotiating with President

Torres: US Navy lawsuit concerns raised by admin

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres said some of the concerns raised in the lawsuit filed by four different environmental and cultural preservation groups were among those they raised when they were meeting with the negotiating panel for the CNMI Joint Military Training activities.

The Tinian Women's Association, Guardians of Gani, PaganWatch, and Center for Biological Diversity have sued the U.S. Department of Defense and Secretary Ashton Carter and the U.S. Department of the Navy and Secretary Ray Mabus.

The lawsuit is for violation of the National Environmental Policy Act and Administrative Procedure Act for failing to consider relocation to Guam and associated live-fire training in a Single Environmental Impact Statement, and failure to consider alternatives.

"Some of the allegations made in the complaint track the concerns this administration has raised over the past several years," said Torres, who just came back from representing the CNMI in last week's Republican National Convention, after his office got a copy of the complaint.

Torres said this is one of the topics for discussion in the ongoing Section 902 consultations between the CNMI and the U.S. governments.

"There is the question of whether the live-fire training proposed under the Guam Relocation and CJMT projects are consistent with the Covenant between the United States and the CNMI," Torres said.

Addressing the cumulative effects of various ongoing and proposed DoD activities in the CNMI—including CJMT, divert airfield, GRP, and the Mariana Islands Training and Testing Project—is another of their concerns.

"We are in general agreement with the portions of the complaint alleging that these cumulative effects have never been properly disclosed, studied, or mitigated. In fact, we raised this very concern in its comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Study," added Torres.

Torres said the proposals share a common geography and timing, as it would make an impact in the CNMI's economic and environmental resources. It also appears that this is part of the DoD's development plan. (Jon Perez)



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Judge Camacho seeks retention on the bench

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph James Norita Camacho, whose six-year term expires in November 2017, is seeking for his retention on the bench at this Nov. 8 elections.

Camacho yesterday sent his request to Commonwealth Election Commission acting executive director Julita A. Villagomez to be included in the 2016 ballot

for the retention as Superior Court associate judge.

Camacho said it is an honor and a privilege to serve as a judge.

"I humbly submit for the people of the CNMI to decide if I am worthy to continue to serve as a CNMI Superior Court Associate Judge," he said in the request letter to Villagomez.

Camacho was nominated and confirmed as an associate judge in November 2011.

Under the CNMI Constitu-

tion, the question whether justices or judges will be retained shall be put to a vote at a general election immediately before the end of that justice's or judge's initial term of office.

Camacho is called "Judge Maximum" for having a reputation as being tough against serious criminal habitual offenders. He is also known for rejecting lenient plea agreements

offered to criminal defendants.

In his letter, Camacho noted

that he presided in a total of 72 trials consisting of 27 jury trials and 45 bench trials, the most for a first-term judge in the Superior Court.

The trials involved serious crimes ranging from murder, rape, child molestation, robbery, kidnapping, assault with a dangerous weapon, burglary,

theft, trafficking illegal drugs, and others.

At present, Camacho handles the most caseload consisting of all the cases on Rota, half the cases on Tinian, traffic cases, whole probation court docket, most of the bail and preliminary hearings, and his share of Saipan criminal and civil cases.

Camacho issued 86 published opinions, the most for a first-term judge. The published opinions, which can be found at the website on the CNMI Judiciary, add to the CNMI body of law and give guidance on the law.

Camacho also sat in a total of 16 appeals as a justice pro tem on the CNMI Supreme Court.

For over 15 years, Camacho has been part of the high school and junior high school mock trial programs. Every year he volunteers in the "Judges in the Classroom" program which allows judges to visit schools and talk to stu-

dents about interesting legal concepts and issues.

Camacho has been giving presentations about college-level constitutional law course and search and seizure to law enforcement officers.

He heads the committees on the rules of evidence, jury instructions, probate, small claims, criminal justice information system, and time standards.

Camacho used to serve as a police officer at the Department of Public Safety. He became a lawmaker and was floor leader for House of Representatives 16th NMI Legislature.

At the November 2014 election, majority voted for the retention of Associate Justice John A. Manglona, Presiding Judge Robert C. Narja, and Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo.

In 2003, Juan T. Lizama became the first judge in the CNMI to be retained on the bench.

Bill establishing CHCC claims, clinical data warehouse signed into law

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REPORTER

services, support planning and evaluation of healthcare operations, and care.

The law also allows conducting of waste, fraud, and abuse investigations based on establishing a baseline data for applications for funding and federal reporting.

Senate Bill 19-61 amends sections of the measure introduced by Sen. Sixto K. Igi-somar (R-Saipan) and is now known as Public Law 19-56.

PL 19-56 will assess the CNMI healthcare's total costs by establishing the aforementioned claims and clinical data warehouse at CHCC and improve accountability of how health insurance premiums are spent.

The newly signed law also aims to require health insurance and health care providers to submit their reports on the claims and other clinical data to the insurance commissioner, which is under the Department of Commerce.

The Legislature, according to the law, found that the CNMI needed a medical claims and clinical data warehouse like the ones followed in several states in the mainland. This is to monitor and analyze health care costs, and improve coordination and quality of health care.

It hopes to assess population health conditions, support health information exchange, conduct utilization reviews, identify healthcare disparities, inform consumers of cost and quality of healthcare

"The Legislature further finds that without reporting of claims by insurers, the CNMI will not be able to review rates and ensure that consumers receive value for premium paid," the newly signed law read.

The Legislature also found that the lack of cost transparency may "obscure price variations for medical services and health insurance premiums within the [CNMI], thus obstructing access to health care for residents."

Directing the CHCC to establish a Claims and Clinical Data Warehouse is the purpose of the law where it hopes to have a yearly plan and calendar to require insurers and providers the clinical data to "report studies on the cost of quality care, population health conditions, healthcare disparities, and other health matters."



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Fr. Kenneth Hezel celebrates 50th Presbyteral Anniversary

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

In celebrating 50 years as a priest, Fr. Kenneth Hezel, S.J., said that he is filled with "wonder and gratitude." His presbyteral anniversary on June 9, 2016, also marks over 60 years since his calling to the priesthood after entering the Jesuit Novitiate.

"I am happy to have had many years of health and support from family, fellow Jesuits and parishioners, that allows me to continue to serve," Hezel, 81, told *Saipan Tribune*. "Every evening, I take time to reflect on those people whom I met during the day and how they were a gift to me..."

Hezel's term of service as a Jesuit priest was primarily spent in Micronesia, where he taught at Xavier High School in Chuuk in 1960. He explained his joy in working with lay leaders and catechists during his time there. Similarly, in Yap, where he resided in for eight years, Hezel recounted traveling by ship to spread the good news. He also assisted the people of Guam for 20 years while working for the campus ministry at the University of Guam.

At the end of his time on Guam in 2011, Hezel moved to Saipan and has since ministered at St. Jude and Kristo Rai parish. He said he was drawn to the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa by a program com-

menced by Deacon Shewman, which selected and developed lay leaders for the church.

"Most memorable was the opening invitation at Fiesta Resort and Spa to over one hundred participants from all of our parishes in 2012," he added. "This past spring five of those who accepted the invitation completed the first course of training and were given the title of Lay Pastoral Ministers. This is memorable because it empowers local people to participate in growing our church here."

As he celebrates half a century of priesthood, Hezel also expressed his hope for more youth to be "personally involved" in the Church community. He added that assisting the needy remains a priority along with forming more adults for the ministry of the Church.

In part, Hezel said he "prays [that] we may be of one mind and one spirit in the Lord."

He noted that he does not plan to retire his robe anytime soon. He added, "Jesuits never retire, as you normally think of it. When they can no longer be of service to the church or community, we reside at a community house and are given our final mission: To pray for the church and the Society of Jesus."

Hezel will celebrate the Feast of the founder of St Ignatius Loyola and his anniversary mass this Sunday at 9:30am.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
RFP16-OPA-155

SUBMISSION DATE: AUGUST 16, 2016 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"FINANCIAL AUDITS FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS RETIREMENT FUND (NMIRF) AND GROUP HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE TRUST FUND (GHLITF), AS COMPONENT UNITS OF THE CNMI GOVERNMENT FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016"

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/S/ MICHAEL PAI, CPA
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP NO.: RFP16-DPL-145

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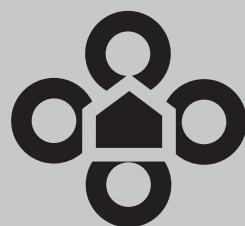
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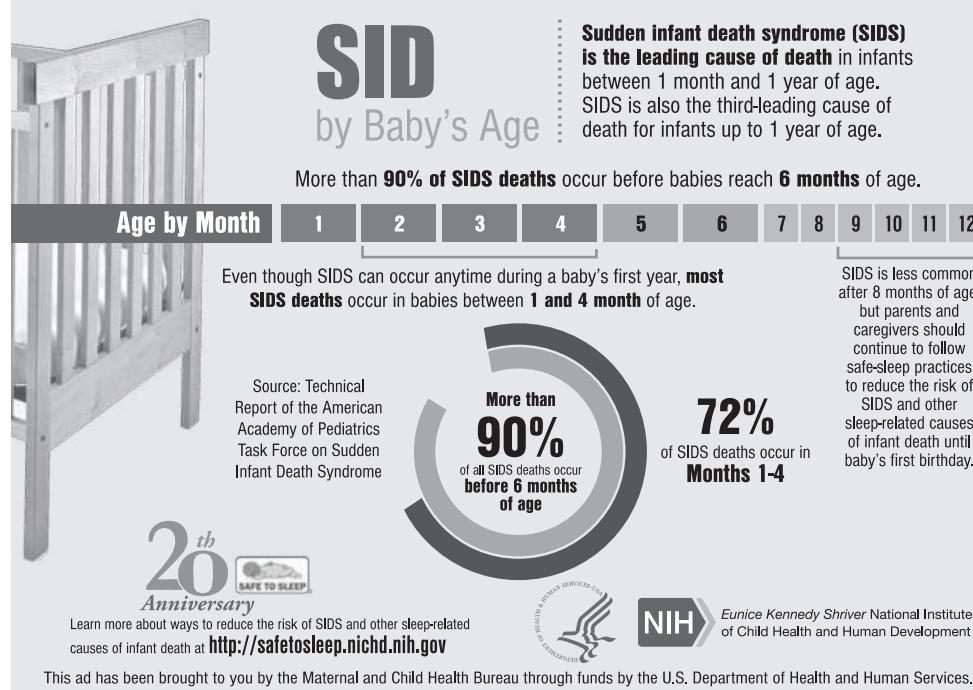
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CNMI govt, CHCC settle Christian's lawsuit for \$32K

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

chotic drugs.

Christian filed the lawsuit alleging that the seizure, detention and the administration of medication violated her constitutional and statutory rights. She also asserted a claim for breach of a prior settlement agreement.

Christian named as defendants the CNMI government, CHCC, Rota Department of Public Safety director Eusebio Manglona Jr., Dr. Francois Claassens, and 10-unnamed co-defendants. The merits of the case have yet to be decided by the court.

Under the settlement deal, the government and CHCC did not make any admission to liability, but agreed that the parties deem it to be in their respective best interests to end the legal disputes and avoid further litigation expenses.

Following the settlement, the parties filed a stipulation on Tuesday, requesting the U.S. District Court for the NMI to dismiss Christian's lawsuit with prejudice.

Dismissal with prejudice means Christian can no longer re-open the case.

The parties, however, agreed that the court shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of enforcing the terms of the settlement.

The parties further acknowledged the appeal of the issue of sovereign immunity pending before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

The parties agreed that because the issue of sovereign immunity is not moot and of great public interest, may urge the Ninth Circuit to hear and decide the appeal.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona on Wednesday granted the parties' request and dismissed the lawsuit.

Under the terms of settlement, CHCC shall pay \$16,000 within 30 days of the effective date of the settlement deal, while the CNMI shall pay \$16,000 for costs and attorney's fees, to be paid on or before Oct. 31, 2016.

The Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems Inc., counsel for Christian, shall allocate \$20,000 of the amount to Christian, and retain \$12,000 for court costs and attorney's fees.

The parties agreed that Christian was involuntarily detained for 72 hours under the Commonwealth Involuntary Civil Commitment Act, during which time she was injected with antipsy-



Within three months of the execution of the settlement deal, CNMI shall provide training regarding the requirements of the Involuntary Civil Commitment Act and the Patient's Rights Act to all employees and agents of Rota Health Center who have direct contact with patients with mental illness and doctors, nurses, and other medical staff in the CHC psychiatric ward in Saipan who have direct contact with patients with mental illness.

Within three months of the execution of the settlement deal, CNMI shall provide training regarding the requirements of the Involuntary Civil Commitment Act to all police officers at DPS who are stationed on Rota.

Among the terms of the deal is that within one year of the execution of this settlement agreement, CHCC will engage the services of a trainer facilitated with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to provide training to doctors and nurses working at the Rota Health Center and in the psychiatric ward of CHC, Saipan.

Christian sued Claassens and then-police sergeant and now DPS Rota director Manglona for their role in her involuntary civil detention from Dec. 31, 2013 through Jan. 3, 2014.

Christian alleges that Manglona seized her from her home without cause and brought her to the Rota Health Center, where Claassens, the resident physician, improperly ordered her to be detained for a mental health evaluation.

Claassens and Manglona both denied they committed improper conduct.

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Congratulations to our NMI descent and Nez Perce Tribal member/modern warrior in completing and graduating from the Comanche Troop, 5th Squadron, 15th Cavalry, Fort Benning, GA. Joseph Joshua Arthur Attao will be stationed at Fort Campbell, KY, where he will continue with his Cavalry Scout Training and begin with Air Assault school. Joseph is a graduate of 2015 Mount Carmel School, Saipan. He is the son of Mark and Catherine Attao-Toves. We are all so very proud of the soldier/warrior he is becoming. Congratulations and well done, soldier/warrior. On behalf of our family, our prayers and gratitude go out to all our military men and women.



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CNMI Commission on Elections administration officer Kayla Igitol, left, checks the documents submitted by Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (Ind-Saipan) before accepting the latter's certificate of candidacy for his re-election bid last Wednesday at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center in Susupe.

Next Legislature will discuss SHEFA funding issue

By **JON PEREZ**
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REPORTER

Rep. Ramon A. Tebuteb (Ind-

Saipan) believes the issue surrounding alternative funding sources for the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance will be discussed when the 20th Legislature convenes next year. Only a couple of sessions are left before the campaign season begins for the November general elections.

Tebuteb, who is running for re-election as an independent for one of the six seats in Precinct 3, said even though he is a member of the minority in the 19th Legislature their group fully supports ways to help programs like SHEFA.

"What the minority has presented is always in line with the programs of our government," said Tebuteb after filing his certificate of candidacy yesterday at the Commonwealth Election Commission at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center.

Tebuteb added that SHEFA is close to his heart being a former educator at the CNMI Public School System. "We are making sure, like the rest of my colleagues at the House, that we maintain those good programs like SHEFA."

"Although, we're in the minority, we respect each other's position on issues. But for SHEFA, whatever it takes we must find a solution. I think that it is important that we look at this at a

whole," said Tebuteb.

He said that another possible source of funding is from the money collected from the CW-1 funds. "Both sides must work together, whether you are in the majority or minority, we must understand why we need to support and find a solution to help continue this program."

"There are a number of funding sources we can and must explore so we can help the scholarship office. One of these is the CW-1 funds," said Tebuteb.

Rep. Francis Taimanao (Ind-Saipan) introduced House Local Bill 19-66, which hopes to amend a provision on Saipan Local Law 18-05 that mandates poker game room owners to relocated to the Adult Gaming Zone's geographical location in October next year.

SHEFA's funds would be affected if ever poker arcade operators would either reduce their machines or shut down their businesses since license fees of this industry funds the office.

Around \$3.2 million to \$3.4 million goes to SHEFA from the more than \$8 million collected by the CNMI government from poker fees. The amount is then distributed to the hundreds of Saipan students who applied and were approved by the program.

As of last week, there have already been 807 applicants, but not yet included are students who sent their application by snail mail on or before the July 1 deadline. Out of the 807 applicants, 398 are new, while 376 are ongoing recipients another 33 are returning or did not apply for one year.

SHEFA had already approved \$286,000 for 154 applicants after the request was signed by SHEFA chair Oscar M. Babauta, which will then be forwarded to the Department of Finance for processing.

KagES releases sked for SY'16-'17

Kagman Elementary School principal Ignacia T. Demapan is welcoming parents and guardians of the school's incoming students for school year 2016-2017. She said it's the school's pleasure to inform them of the following schedule:

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■ Aug. 12: Parent/student orientation for grades 3rd-5th, 10am-11am, cafeteria

■ Aug. 15: First day of instruction for all students (K-5th), 7:30am- 2pm.

During the parent and student orientation day, the teachers will present to meet with

parents and share instructional goals and expectations for the school year.

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IT&E is pleased to announce that it has completed a significant expansion of the coverage area of its 4G LTE wireless network. IT&E has completed the installation and testing of two new sites in Marpi. These two sites work together to cover the entire northern portion of Saipan including all of the most popular tourist sites in the Marpi area.

John Compton, IT&E's COO, stated, "these new sites represent only a part of the multi-million dollar investment that IT&E is making in the CNMI this year. Other

parts of this year's investment in the CNMI include the installation of at least five more new sites and our ongoing project to install fiber optic cable throughout Saipan. Compton went on to say; "All of our employees work very hard every day to provide the best possible service to our customers. This announcement is just the latest example of the hard work of our employees and the ever improving service that they are providing to our customers."

Rose Soledad, general manager of CNMI Operations, also

commented, "we are pleased to be serving the northern most part of Saipan—the Marpi area. "Our newly deployed COWs (Cellular Site on Wheels) dramatically improves the signal strength and coverage in the area. As we all know, Marpi is a beautiful spot and a major tourist destination offering spectacular views from Suicide Cliff and a dramatic ocean view at Banzai Cliff. In addition to being able to make phone calls and send and receive texts in Marpi, now both tourists and residents alike can enjoy

taking pictures and sending them right away. We also believe that this new coverage will improve public safety in Marpi which is a benefit to the entire community."

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IT&E has completed the installation and testing of two new sites in Marpi where it will expand the coverage area of its 4G LTE wireless network

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I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Adoption of Agenda
d. Adoption of Minutes – February 10, 2016 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
– February 25, 2016 Special Board Meeting Minutes

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. CORPORATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT
a. Properties for Sale
b. Personnel Matters
c. FY 2015 Audit

IV. OLD BUSINESS
a. Garapan Annex
b. RD Update
c. Adoption of the Amendments to the Section 8 Admin Plan

V. NEW BUSINESS
a. Loan Assistance
b. NMHC Procurement Regulations
c. Travel Policy
d. Reprogramming Authority

VI. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

VIII. OTHER MATTERS

IX. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/ **IGNACIO L. PEREZ**
Vice-Chairman of the Board

**Mount Carmel School
SY 16-17 Opening Schedule**

Thursday, August 4
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL*

7:30 am: Homeroom
8:00–9:00: Opening Mass
9:30–3:00: Student Orientation
High School
Scheduling Fair
11:30 am: K4 Dismissal
3:00 pm: K5-12 Dismissal

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EDITORIAL

Clinton's foreign policy experience beats running Miss Universe

Hillary Clinton will have two huge tasks when she addresses the Democratic National Convention as its nominee for president Thursday night: first, loosen up a controlled demeanor that can come across as phony, and second, counter accusations that her presidency would extend the Obama administration's foreign policy.

Foreign policy is a strong suit for Clinton in a race against Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump, who appeared to acknowledge that deficiency in choosing as his running mate Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, a former ranking member of the House Foreign Affairs subcommittee on the Middle East who has been to Iraq and Afghanistan. A born-again Christian, Pence also boosts Trump's appeal among evangelical voters.

Trump has glossed over his lack of experience in international affairs beyond running the Miss Universe pageant. He blames Clinton, who was secretary of state during the first term of the Obama administration, for current policy on the Islamic State. Clinton needs to be more vocal in pointing out where she disagrees with her former boss. For example, she supported a no-fly zone over Syria to protect civilians; Obama did not.

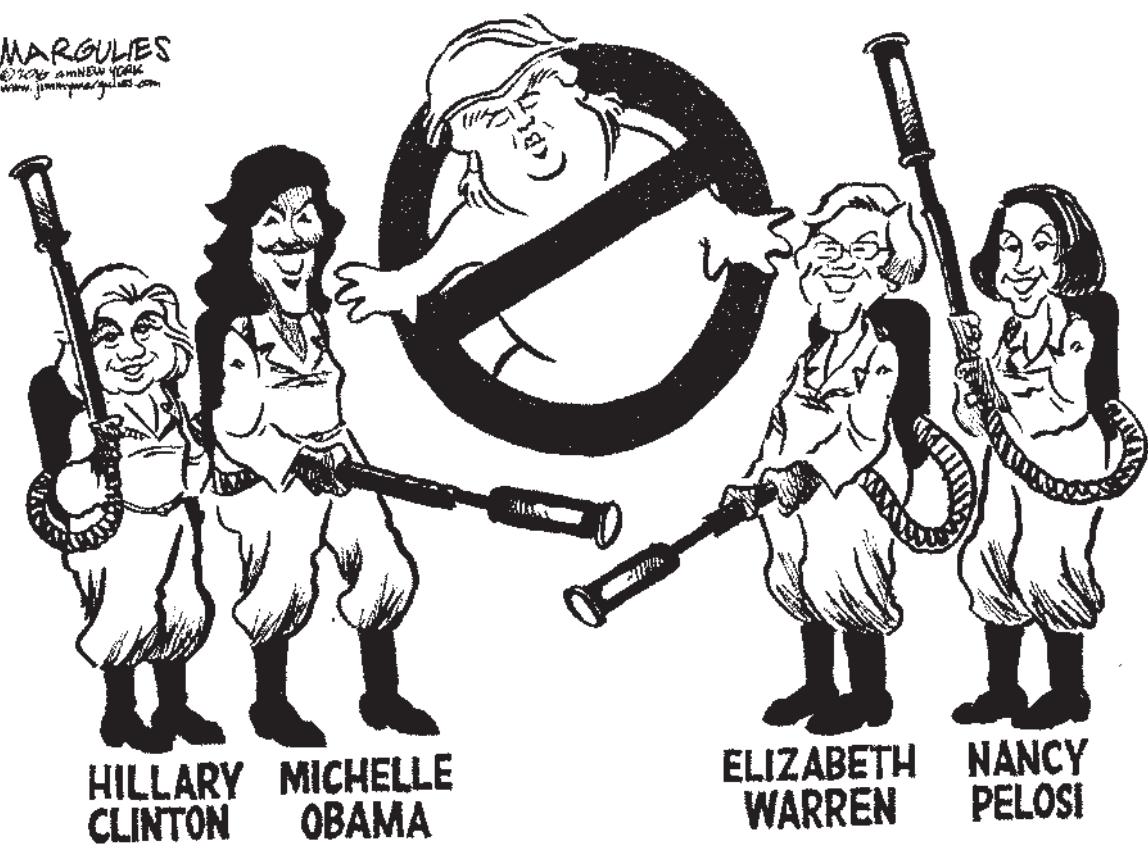
Clinton says she wants to intensify a coalition air campaign against the Islamic State, boost support for local Arab and Kurdish ground forces, and continue to pursue a diplomatic solution to the sectarian violence and civil war in Iraq and Syria. She also vows to improve efforts to find and arrest enablers who forge documents for Islamic State operatives and thwart the extremists' use of the internet to inspire terrorist acts by related groups and lone wolves.

Clinton's acceptance speech should clearly delineate what she would do differently from Obama to beat the Islamic State. Trump's saber-rattling on the campaign trail indicates that he and many Americans think Obama has been too timid. Trump mocks Obama's reluctance to use the term "radical Islam" so as not to conflate the Muslim religion with terrorism. But Clinton says she doesn't think using that term or "radical jihadists" would necessarily have that effect.

Republicans have been trying to alter the narrative of the Islamic State's creation by suggesting that after President George W. Bush won the Iraq war, Obama lost the peace by prematurely leaving Iraq and making it easier for insurgents to form terrorist organizations. They ignore the question of whether Bush should have started a war based on a hunch that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. They also ignore the chaos in Iraq during Bush's last months as president, which had most Americans clamoring for U.S. troops to withdraw more quickly. Obama was elected to make that happen.

Obama, a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize, has been loath to return to a larger military presence. And the American public, after seeing 4,400 U.S. soldiers die in the Iraq war, isn't ready for another effort on that scale. But the success of the Islamic State in inspiring terror across the globe requires a more effective plan to dislodge it from its perch. Clinton should ask voters to compare the specifics of her antiterrorism plan to Trump's and decide which one they want for America.

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On the way out

It is our penultimate article for the Saipan Tribune. We could delve with what has been more than a decade of reflective social commentary but we will let our four legendary steady readers do that, if they are so inclined, or do remember anything.

We honor Elie Wiesel RIP (1928-2016) who made his gracious exit this year. The Balkan-born Hasidic Jew, is admired by Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, and Hindu; at home with the lilywhites beyond the Mediterranean shades of tan as he is with every shade of color, mourned at this moment of termination by Asians, Africans, and Latinos.

Wiesel is the opposite of the Austrian corporal who wrote a book while in prison called *Mein Kampf*, identifying the Jews as the cause of Europe's economic pain, and impeding the restoration of the German Empire.

The roots of Hitler's anti-Semitism were not birthed overnight. The Christian Church back to the Gospels nurtured a depiction of the "mob" at Jesus' crucifixion, with the Pilate's hands reportedly clean over the matter.

Christian "Fathers" fed Europe's negativity on the Jew, finding expression in every European movement of note. The Inquisition and the Protestant Reformation were anti-Semitic. The Jew on the ghetto became a European social response that was understandably aped in North America.

So the soil to the national German policy of the Third Reich to eliminate the children of Abraham, old in its inception within Christian history, became the main thrust of Germany's war that began in 1939.

The invasion of Wiesel's Romanian town when he was 15 took place in 1944; the Jews were rounded up and herded on a train bound for Auschwitz, marked for extermination by gas, the crematoriums, or by firing squad. Mother and three sisters were separated earlier from the men, never to be seen again; Elie and his father marched to Buchenwald when the Russian Army got close to Auschwitz, the father died four months before the U.S. Third Army liberated the camp in 1945.

Elie's "descent to hell" lasted 18 months, smelling the odor of death in antiseptic setting, enduring the total abuse of dignity one human can bequeath on another, including the rummaging of dead bones for any metallic fillings of value! The scars with what has now come to be known as the

Holocaust scarred Elie forever. The nightmare might be over but the memory of it cannot be stamped out, much as the world has a habit of trying to forget the unpleasant in its history.

Wiesel processed his experience slowly, taking a decade before the trauma was something he could talk about, which then led him to write an 800-page memoir that few cared to carefully read, condensed into a treatise of 150 pages entitled *Night*. History took a decisive turn. With the capture and trial of Adolf Eichmann, Wiesel's memoir finally got an audience and he

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would emerge as the voice of the "Holocaust" thereafter.

Wiesel between the two Adolf's (Hitler and Eichmann) is still Wiesel; the history of religion, in spite of my "glorious" Christian bias, has not changed much. Human life is capable of killing others justified by a defensive insecurity turning against another to bolster morale, a fact still with us, with many so-called "Christians" taking it on the Muslim and Jew, the atheist and even Christians. We are not talking about Boko Haram, or the spate of terrorist killing. We are talking about the strong undercurrent of racial insecurity expressed in religious practices.

Liberal and progressive philosophy notwithstanding, the jibe on the "other" is still maintained, though now, it is on the finally legitimized LGBT community, and the shotgun-happy residents of Saipan.

It is a sad thing when the attempt to assert once ethnic identity finds its way to racial prejudice. Even Chamorro and the Refalawasch are not immune from this incipient propensity, as pride towards national identities took solid form after WWII.

Something transpired, however, as a consequence of a photo taken of the Earth rising above lunarscape in 1968 that gave birth to what is referred to as "earthrise consciousness." I joined this mindset in 1972, though being a global citizen had consequences. For instance, my primal family traveled on two U.S., a Canadian, and a Philippine passport but not only did I get in trouble getting into Hawaii once, I was also told that for a Pinoy not to apply for U.S. citizenship the day he qualified to apply was very rare.

Leading orientation programs for the U.S. PCV in the Philippines in '83 finally clinched applying for the bluebook. I raised my hands for the oath of allegiance! This was three years before President Reagan qualified CNMI residents as U.S. citizens, of note because since 1998 when I first resided in the CNMI, many wanted me to go back to where I allegedly belonged, the Philippines! I drove with a driver's license from Hawaii.

We still do not have global citizenship though the "earthrise consciousness" has made converts, if only in their minds and souls. That includes me.

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The great beyond

Before I look to the future, namely, 2018, I'll mention a couple of items from the past. As for the recent past, they've fired up a new array of radio telescopes in South Africa and they focused on an area of space known to contain 70 galaxies. In that same slice of space the new radio telescope array tallied 1,300 galaxies. Egads, there's a lot of stuff out there just waiting to be discovered.

This gig reminds me of standing at the railing at Saipan's promontory, Suicide Cliff, gazing at the distant horizon and imagining what's out there. Of course, if you want really get serious about things you can consult a map, but you can still get a sense of wonder standing at that rail. As for the bigger context, our universe, the maps are still being written. And on that note they're going to need a lot of ink and paper, given that the observable universe is about 93 billion light-years across.

"Observable," however, doesn't mean "observed." One goal of astronomers is to push the latter closer to the former.

And this brings us to a big project that's in the works, something that we'll be hearing a lot about in the coming years. The project is the James Webb Space Telescope. It's due for launch in October 2018. Space geeks are already fastening their seat belts because astronomy will surely be zooming into a new realm of discoveries. The Web already has a number of sites devoted to the JWST.

The JWST is a successor to the Hubble telescope. The Hubble has been around for so long that the younger set might feel like it's always been there. But the handful of astronomy courses I took were all well before the Hubble, so to me it

remains a technological miracle. Furthermore, as sort of a stage-setter for the JWST, the Hubble deserves a retrospective glance here, so we'll take a look.

The Hubble was launched in 1990 and has been fueling science headlines, including really cool photos, ever since. The first stories, however, were more trouble than triumph. Hubble, as it turns out, was launched with a glaring defect. Its main optical component, an 8-foot diameter mirror, had been manufactured wrong. This was a big story at the time. It was top-of-the-hour radio news stuff, it was talk-around-the-office-water-cooler stuff. Why the mirror error wasn't discovered on earth, and not after launch, is something I've never understood.

Anyway, as incredible as the botched mirror was, the solution was even more incredible. In a series of missions, astronauts were flown up to the orbiting telescope and they installed a kit that corrected the wayward optics. So this drama has a happy ending.

As for the JWST, I'm sure the launch and deployment are going to be a real nail-biter for the scientists, since it's such an audacious piece of engineering.

For one thing, if something goes wrong, there won't be astronauts zooming up to fix things. Unlike the Hubble, the JWST isn't going to remain in a cozy orbit around earth. It will, instead, be rocketed out 930,000 miles, where, exiled to the middle of nowhere, its sensitive instruments won't be messed up by any interference from earth.

For another thing, the JWST's main mirror isn't just one object, but is, instead, a set of 18 mirrors. These mirrors will be

stacked up so they'll fit in the launch capsule, and then they'll fan out and deploy in space, arraying themselves into one giant, overall mirror.

If you're wondering what's up with all this mirror talk, we can reflect on that. A telescope uses a mirror to collect light just as a funnel uses its mouth to catch water. If you want to catch more water in a funnel, you get a funnel with a bigger mouth. If you want to catch more light in a telescope, you get a scope with a bigger mirror.

So, let's talk size here. According to NASA, the JWST's mirror will have 269 square feet of surface area. As for Hubble, it's mirror covers 49 square feet. So you can see how much bigger the JWST is.

With muscle like that, the JWST might be able to see some of the first galaxies, thus giving scientists a look at the infant days of the universe.

Anyway, that's an introduction to a story that is on the horizon. Whether we're looking at the Pacific or contemplating the heavens, having a sense of wonder is, indeed, wonderful.



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Special to the Saipan Tribune

Persistence at its best

Entitlement programs are real help for needy families. The more you probe it, the more it shows the failure of the local government to provide opportunities for its people. Though not an advocate, I've shied aside my personal view to see the human side of the issue.

Familial hardship is ditched further by the lack of economic prosperity that lifts all boats.

I've listened intently to the expressions of recipients of housing vouchers, food stamps, Medicaid and others. For most, the amount in federal benefits is beyond their reach even with both parents working fulltime jobs.

Let's say a certain family receives about \$800-900 for housing voucher, \$400 in food stamps, Medicaid assistance, and WIC, among others. It's well above a thousand dollars per month that doesn't cover family transportation or disposable income for school supplies and other needs. It's way above the family income.

It's a struggle families deal with daily knowing subconsciously there's something better than handouts. Their goal to shutter a candle at the entrance of a deep cave has gotten better. Both parents turn to education and training to upgrade skills and ultimately their income. When one or both make it successfully securing their undergraduate degrees, the door for brighter days ahead swings wide open.

I know of couples caught in the squeeze but never gave up their focus on education and training. Faith, persistence, and determination have all paid off wiping out that painful chapter in their journey of recent past. It's a rare case of rags to something better than handouts. Happy of the couple's accomplishment!

One of them said, chuckling, "Lucky I U.S. citizen!"

Beyond their successful determination to outgrow handouts are the well-earned trophies in their educational attainment as they guide their kids forward. Congratulations!

Lucky Uncle Sam's here!

For whatever reasons our people have sought various federal assistance, I admire how they've used them as initial support to get ahead slowly untangling the rut of handouts. I understand the dictates of necessity that doesn't leave much room for fancy maneuvering.

We have the reality of joblessness triggered by the failure of local government to provide economic opportunities for folks

via meaningful employment. This is the primary reason for our people's slide into abject poverty. And the gods on imperial Capital Hill are clueless of this reality! Or are they wary though woefully ill equipped to make a dent for the better?

Imagine what these folks would have to deal with without federal help. People would have to weather hunger, homelessness and serious health issues on their own.

This while legislators padded their wallets with \$5,000 monthly expenses on top of their salaries of \$39,500 for a grand total of \$99,500 per year. Wow! No wonder the apathy and indifference!

Then you have Ratty constantly junketing looking for power generators while Biktot sharpens knives for his roosters. The duo is clueless of the magnitude of disposing fiduciary duty on issues that matter. And this is manifested in their adolescent attitude of total insensitivity in the persistent downward spiral in the quality of life for families everywhere.

Well, this is when Magoo proudly declares, "Lucky I U.S. citizen!" Not for this super senior citizen still doing search and rescue for the "solutions driven" whose once bubbly balloon must have been punctured by reality check and lack of leadership. Hmmm! Heard a rumor that the captain of our sinking boat is reviewing his astrological sign or horoscope!

Humiliating revelation

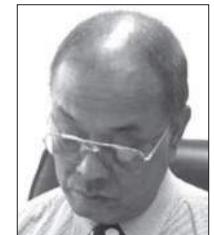
Often ponder why the lack of perception and mindfulness among the elected elite to understand the hardship among villagers who literally struggle daily to make ends meet.

Are they blind, deaf or mute thus the obvious lack in the ability to put things into perspective? Are they incapable doing due diligence to craft policy issues to alleviate the sinking quality of life in the villages? This strange collective blindness is appalling!

But then take a closer look at their salaries and the convenience padding their wallets at the expense of taxpayers. Legislators recently gave themselves some \$5,000 per month to cover sessions in addition to their annual salaries of \$39,500 for a whopping \$99,500 per year. This doesn't include another \$5,000 from a rich donor allegedly paid to some legislators for serving as lapdogs or lobbyists! No wonder the blind acceptance to seek re-election. Humiliating! Nah! While they

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hit grand slams, we had to contend with balks!

You delve critically into their background—education and experience—and therein you see true revelation why most miss their bus rides on current issues while standing at the bus station. And so this is a tale that most aren't even sure what policymaking entails that requires at least two years of college education! So reading deficiency is a problem thus missing the bus because most can't read if it's bus number "one" or "two!" We double down asking if it's the group we voted for so embarrassingly clueless!

Taxpayer lawsuit

The taxpayer's lawsuit I've filed against the MV *Luta* \$400K misappropriation is still ongoing and should be heard soon by the Superior Court here. I have no plans surrendering until this issue is resolved with finality.

Two issues are involved in this case: 1). Constitutional mandate how public funds are appropriated. 2). Protecting taxpayers from the abuse of their contributions by alleged corrupt public officials. If you will, public funds are appropriated and earmarked for a "public" purpose via legislation per Local Act of 1983, not "private" interest via a delegation resolution.

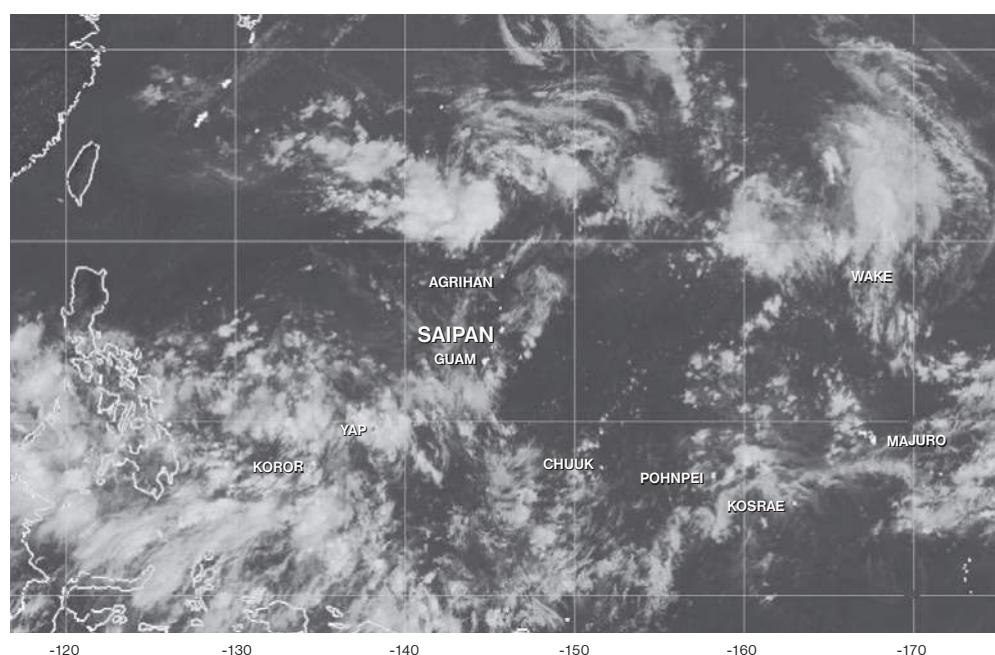
I'm still at the Open Government Act level. I can't wait to get to both criminal and civil levels of the lawsuit to permanently shut the door for any and all future corruption. Should be an interesting case when I get to the criminal level. I will get to see how the \$400K was disposed. It's your money as taxpayers and each penny must be returned hopefully upon court adjudicated disposition.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 5 to 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 5:00 AM, THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2016

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

Satellite and radar show scattered showers and a few brief thunderstorms in the Marianas waters. These showers are expected to decrease in coverage with the approach of sunrise, and become isolated during the morning. East winds are gentle, and the buoys are indicating seas around 3 feet. Considered forecasting scattered showers for early this morning, but diurnal effects should result in decreasing coverage by sunrise resulting in isolated soon after. The rest of the forecast is unchanged with isolated thunderstorms associated with weak troughs still expected through tonight and again over the weekend. Light winds may enhance the chances for daytime thunderstorms over Guam the next few days.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

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Guam And Rota	Morning clouds	83 / 93 °F
Palau	Heavy rain	80 / 85 °F
Yap	Morning clouds	79 / 91 °F
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	79 / 87 °F
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	80 / 87 °F
Kosrae	Partly sunny	82 / 87 °F
Majuro	Thunderstorms	79 / 86 °F

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY		
3:23 AM	HIGH TIDE	1.96 Feet
10:55 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.2 Feet
5:58 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.69 Feet
10:58 PM	LOW TIDE	1.13 Feet

SUNRISE / SUNSET		
Today	5:59 AM	6:48 PM
Saturday	5:59 AM	6:48 PM
Sunday	5:59 AM	6:47 PM
Monday	5:59 AM	6:47 PM
Tuesday	6:00 AM	6:47 PM

MOONRISE / MOONSET		
Today	1:23 AM	2:26 PM
Saturday	2:16 AM	3:25 PM
Sunday	3:12 AM	4:23 PM
Monday	4:09 AM	5:18 PM
Tuesday	5:06 AM	6:11 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA2924	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA2923	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA2922	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA2925	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA2921	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA2921	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA2920	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA2920	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA2928	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA2927	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA2926	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA2929	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA2921	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA2921	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA2920	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:20pm	7:00pm	Daily	DL298	10:30am	3:05pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	LJ651	7:30am	1:10pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
LJ652	2:10pm	6:05pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
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SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
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PCF-Marianas Chapter travels to Guam for May session

The third cohort of the Pacific Century Fellows-Marianas Chapter returned from a two-day trip to Guam where the most recent class of local leaders met with many of their counterparts in the public and private sector.

On the first day, the fellows toured Naval Base Guam and Andersen Air Force Base, where they sat through a presentation by former vice commander of the 36th Wing and current director of plans and readiness for the 36th Wing, Stephen Wolborsky.

After spending the previous day with the military, the fellows turned their focus to public utilities, tourism, business, and government with meetings with Guam Power Authority's general manager John Benavente, Guam Visitors Bureau chair Mark Baldyga, the Guam Chamber of Commerce's military liaison committee and Guam's Lt. Gov. Ray Tenorio.

The fellows then traveled to Guam's legislature where they broke bread with Speaker Judith Won Pat, vice speaker, BJ Cruz, and other elected officials. During the luncheon, the politicians and fellows engaged in a discussion about many of the issues that impact the islands of the Northern Marianas and Guam.

The schedule also included discussions with the management of the Guam International Airport, Guam Behavioral and Wellness Center, and attorney for We Are Guahan, Leevin Camacho, capped by trip to Paseo Stadium for the 2016 FestPac.

The presentations and discussions between the fellows and their hosts were well received by the Class of 2016. "What I enjoyed most was the

opportunity to engage with officials serving in the highest levels of Guam's government," said fellow Russelle Zapanta. "The free-flowing dialogue between the fellows and our hosts illustrated the similarity between the issues that our respective communities face."

Fellow Alexis Cabrera said she enjoyed the exposure to Guam's leaders and said the experience is exactly why she applied for the fellowship. "The fellowship has already opened doors for me which might not have otherwise been available. The ability to network with my classmates and new contacts will prove invaluable to me as I continue my career as a professional in the Marianas."

The fellows meet on a monthly basis, participating in Professional Development sessions with various leaders and departments. The program continues through the month of November, and a class graduation is set for December.

The Pacific Century Fellows (PCF) Program-Marianas Chapter, Class of 2016 is comprised of: Charles Brasington, assistant attorney general, CNMI Office of the Attorney General; Brady J. Hammond, department chair, Northern Marianas College; Catherine M. Attao, vice president for Corporate Affairs, Tan Holdings Corp.; Carline B. Sablan, economic development analyst, Commonwealth Development Authority; Janice Anne E. Castro, grants program manager, BECQ-Division of Coastal Resources Management; Laarni P. Zapanta, account support specialist-Customer Operations, IT&E; Maryann B. Arriola, senior staff specialist, Office of Grants Management; Alexis P. Cabrera, proj-

ect manager Public Relations/Project Management, Imperial International (CNMI), LLC; Joe E. Ayuyu, Jr, manager/executive assistant, JCA, Inc; Jordan C. Sundell, lawyer, Bridge Capital, LLC; Charles P. Reyes, Jr; Russelle T. Zapanta, operations manager, Realty Management Services; Derek B. Gersonde, public information officer/firefighter/EMT, Department of Fire & EMS; Beau Q. Tomokane, operations service manager, Delta Airlines, Inc. and Brad E. Ruszala, executive director, Sports, Entertainment and Ac-

tivities, Pacific Islands Club, Saipan.

For more information about the Pacific Century Fellows-Marianas Chapter, visit www.pcf-marianas.com email pcf-marianas@gmail.com or call (670) 235-0560 x 118 or x166

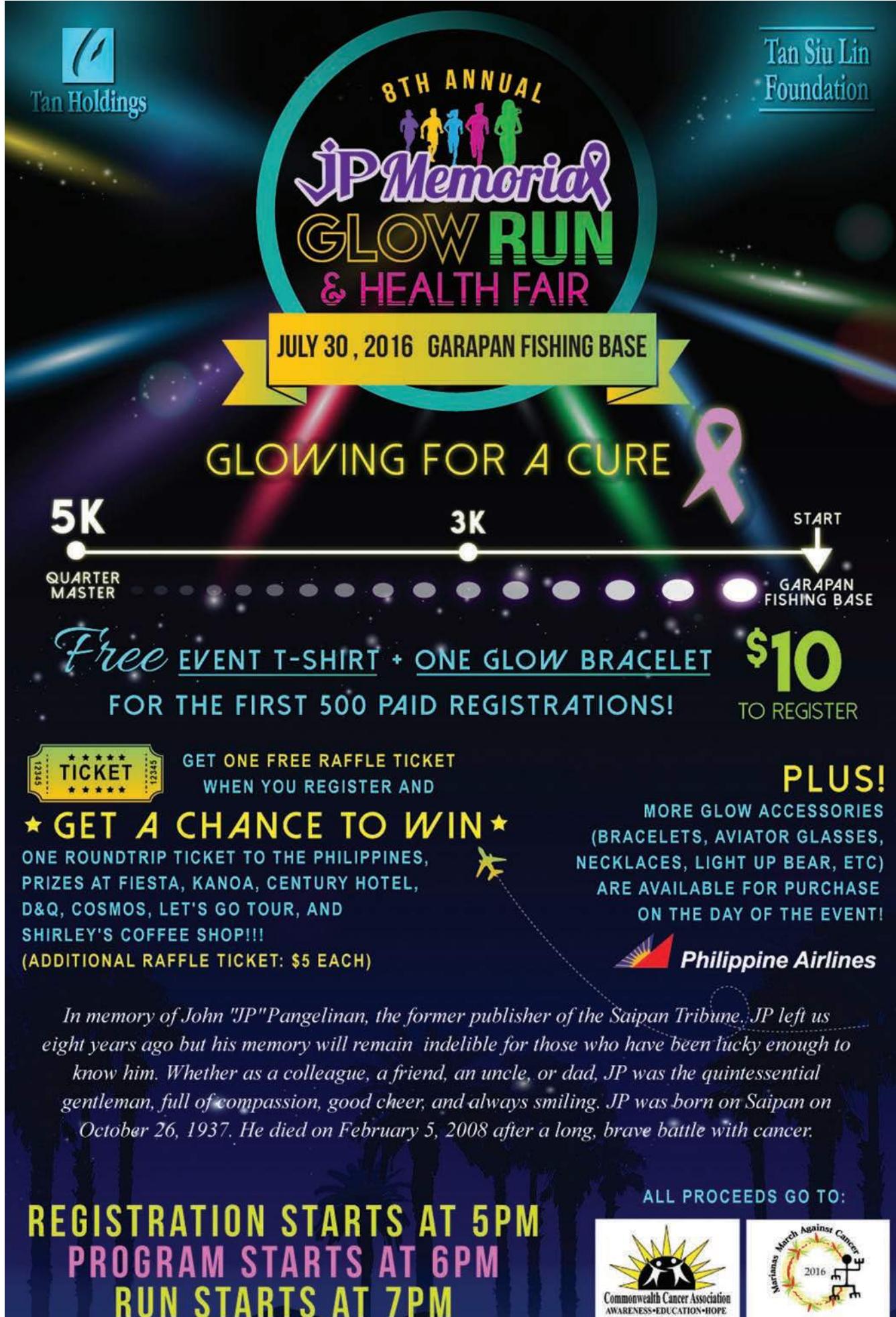
The Pacific Century Fellows-Marianas Chapter is a leadership development program created by the Tan Siu Lin Foundation through the Tan Holdings Corp. It is designed to offer individuals leadership training. The program emulates the objectives of Hawaii's own Pacific Century Fellows

program which was founded by the former mayor of Honolulu, Mufi Hannemann. Our objective is to help develop individuals from all walks of life, fields and professions into becoming leaders.

The program spans nine months beginning with a two-day retreat. Once a month, fellows attend day-long classes addressing the current events of our island such as tourism, education, government, healthcare, and homeland security. Classes are hosted by guest speakers pertaining to the topic of that month. Guest

speakers include public figures such as the governor, chief of police, Supreme Court judges, and executives of major private companies. Fellows will be able to help plan monthly classes; bringing in community leaders to talk about the challenges that they face into a classroom environment.

Graduation from the program marks the beginning of a greater community responsibility as graduates are encouraged to collaborate and develop their individual leadership skills while taking more active public service roles. (PR)



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**INVITATION FOR BIDS
DPW/COTA/FTA-16-IFB-016**

SUPPLY, INSTALLATION OF BUS STOP SIGNBOARD & CONSTRUCTION OF COTA TRANSIT (BUS) PADS

Governor Ralph Dg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW), Executing Agency and Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority (COTA), Expenditure Authority are soliciting sealed bids for the Supply, Installation of Bus Stop Signboards & Construction of COTA Transit (Bus) Pads, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **July 22, 2016** at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capital Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **August 8, 2016**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **August 16, 2016** to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 p.m. to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intent to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgement of addendum, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. **It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-9828/9838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.**

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW/COTA/FTA-16-IFB-016". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building No. 1301, Capital Hill, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **August 26, 2016**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notice of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **August 26, 2016**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via email to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **August 26, 2016** and the bid documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **September 08, 2016**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascension Drive, Building 1301, Capital Hill, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **September 13, 2016**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:30 a.m. local time, August 26, 2016**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.

Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations §70-30.3-245. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unnumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Gov't Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred Dollars (US\$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ JAMES A. ADA

Secretary of Public Works

/s/ ALFREDA P. CAMACHO

Special Assistant for Public Transportation

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN

Director of Procurement & Supply



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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY (CPA) is inviting qualified contractors to submit their qualifications and bid proposals for the **FRANCISCO C. ADA/SAIPAN INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT TAXIWAY B AND H REPAIRS, SAIPAN, COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS, AIP NO. 3-69-0002-79/83**.

One original and four copies of the Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, at Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, at **2:00 PM, MONDAY, AUGUST 8, 2016**, at which time and place the sealed proposals will be publicly opened and read.

The Project, in general, consists of milling of the existing asphalt pavement, application of tack coat, asphalt paving, replacement of taxiway edge lights and pavement markings, all in accordance with the plans and specifications.

The Project is being financed by funds from the U.S. Federal Aviation Administration. The contract award, if it is to be made, will be made within sixty (60) calendar days from the receipt of bids. CPA reserves the right to hold such bids in effect for ninety (90) calendar days from the date of bid opening.

The contract period for construction of the project shall be in 180 calendar days. The contractor shall be assessed with the liquidated damages in the amount of \$1,500.00/day if the completion of the Project is delayed beyond the contract time without justification.

The apparent low bidder may be subject to a thorough and comprehensive review of its qualifications and Bid Documents to ensure that they are "responsive and responsible." This review will include, but is not necessarily limited to previous project experience, financial capabilities, quality of equipment and personnel, and bonding and insurance. If the apparent low bidder is found not to be "responsive or responsible", their bid will be rejected and the next lowest bidder will be evaluated for qualifications.

Bid proposal and contract documents including plans and specifications, may be obtained at the Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport, P.O. Box 501055, Saipan, MP 96950, upon the payment of **TWO HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$250.00)** for each set of plan documents in electronic form (CD) including the bid schedule. This payment is nonrefundable. Payment shall be made in cash, cashier's check or U.S. postal money order payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

A pre-bid conference will be held at the CPA Airport Conference Room at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport at **10:00 am, Monday, July 25, 2016**, to explain and clarify any questions regarding this project. A site visit will follow right after the pre-bid conference. Attendance is mandatory to all prospective bidders. Questions should be submitted to the Executive Director, Commonwealth Ports Authority, in writing, at least seven (7) days prior to the pre-bid conference. Contractors are required to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Each bid proposal shall be on a form furnished by the Commonwealth Ports Authority. The bidders shall use the bid schedule form available on the CD. Each bidder must also supply all information required by the bid proposal documents and specifications.

The Commonwealth Ports Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bid proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in this Notice to Bidders; or (b) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; (c) any calculation error made in the bid schedule or mis-entry the quantity of line item; or (d) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said bids if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

Each bid shall be accompanied by either a bid bond by U.S. Treasury listed or CPA approved surety company, a certified check, or a cashier's check in the amount not less than **TEN PERCENT (10%)** of the bid price. Checks shall be made payable to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All mechanics and laborers for this procurement project shall be paid no less than the minimum wage rate established by the CNMI or the U.S. Secretary of Labor, whichever is higher. A copy of the Department of the Federal Labor Wage Rate Determination is included in Section GP 70-24 of the specifications. The bidder shall take into account minimum wage increases that may be imposed in the CNMI over the life of the Contract and include associated costs in the bid proposal. The EEO requirements, labor provisions, and wage rates are included in the specifications, and bid proposal documents are available for inspection at the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

All bidders shall comply with all Federal requirements under this Federally funded procurement, including but not limited to Buy American Preference, Foreign Trade Restriction, Davis Bacon, Veteran's Preference, Affirmative Action and Governmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free Workplace. Further details on all Federal requirements are provided in the specifications.

FOR THE COMMONWEALTH PORTS AUTHORITY:

/s/ JOSE R. LIFOILO
Chairman of the Board/Contracting Officer

Date: July 6, 2016

LOCAL

PAL to address flight delays

Philippine Airlines' Express flights have been delayed since its launch last month, a growing concern among the local customers of Asia's first commercial airline. PAL Express had its inaugural direct flight from Saipan to Manila on June 16.

Filipino workers welcomed PAL's decision of reviving its direct flight. It also made it easier for CNMI patients on medical referral to have their check up in hospitals in Metro Manila like St. Luke's, Medical City, and the Asian Hospital and Medical Center.

However, PAL Express'

maiden flight to Saipan was delayed for an hour with the connecting flights in other countries the cause.

Even the outbound flight to Manila last June 16 encountered some trouble when two passengers were asked to be either transferred to another airline or take the Guam route to the Philippines.

The longest delay experienced so far was more than four hours a few weeks ago, while yesterday's arrival from Manila was again delayed with the connecting flights causing the holdup.

PAL assistant vice president

for commercial and business development Rabbi Vincent L. Ang assured their customers that they are working to find solutions in the flight delays.

"We have experienced delays on our Manila-Saipan flights due to recent late arrivals of flights from China carrying connecting passengers to Saipan. We are studying measures to mitigate these delays at the soonest time possible."

Despite flight delays, some Filipinos still expressed their support to PAL Express since the direct route it offers especially if one would take a vacation. (Jon Perez)

Recovery efforts a year after Soudelor featured on 'Your Humanities Half-Hour'

Jenny Hegland, director or Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts along with A.J. Mettao, data specialist for the Crisis Counseling Program of the Community Guidance Center, will be featured this Sunday on "Your Humanities Half-Hour."

Last August, Typhoon Soudelor hit Saipan with strong winds registering over 100 mph. Residents were left with telephone poles blocking off roadways, trees scattered about, and homes and buildings destroyed.

Almost immediately, our residents began the road to recovery by opening their homes to those who lost theirs, offering an extra hand to help clear debris and sharing any information about available services on island. Individuals took initiative and formed groups to help those in greater need and soon after, different organizations were created. One in particular, was Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts, also known as CARE.

CARE is a local non-profit organization that emerged after Typhoon Soudelor. CARE's mission is "to build a resilient community and to identify, facilitate, and deliver resources and long-term support to address the unmet needs of individuals and families impacted by disaster."

Along with the work of CARE, the Crisis Counseling Program of the Community Guidance Center has been providing counseling to those negatively affected by the typhoon.

Hegland and Mettao will discuss recovery efforts made and remaining work needed for the 500 families who are still without homes.

They will also be sharing information about events happening the week of the anniversary of Typhoon Soudelor such as Sou' Rise'



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Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts director Jenny Hegland and Crisis Counseling Program data specialist A.J. Mettao will be the guests in this Sunday's "Your Humanities Half-Hour" with host Catherine Perry Harris.

(sunrise vigil), Sou' Fest 2016, the Tournament of Champions, Sou'Ride to Recovery, and the 2nd Annual Humanities Film Festival: Soudelor and the Winds of Change in the CNMI. (PR)

"Your Humanities Half-Hour" is sponsored by the Northern Marianas Humanities Council and airs each Sunday from 2pm to 2:30pm on Power 99 with host Catherine Perry Harris. (PR)



The People of God in the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa
Joyfully Announce and Welcome you to the

Episcopal Ordination and Installation of

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Through the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the imposition of hands by

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with

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and

The Most Reverend ✽ Julito B. Cortes, D.D., Bishop of Dumaguete,
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CNMI residents challenge destruction of homeland

Plans by the U.S. Navy to transfer 5,000 Marines from Okinawa to Guam and begin staging massive, live-fire war games on the islands of Tinian and Pagan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands would severely disrupt communities on Tinian and shatter the dreams of families who want to return to live permanently on Pagan.

Earthjustice—representing the Tinian Women's Association, Guardians of Gani, PaganWatch and the Center for Biological Diversity—is challenging this plan.

In a complaint filed Wednesday, the groups say the Navy failed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act by not considering all the impacts associated with the relocation and training in a single

environmental impact statement and not evaluating alternative stationing and training locations that could accomplish the Marines' mission with far fewer environmental impacts.

The training proposed for Tinian and Pagan would be intense and destructive. War games would include artillery, mortars, rockets, amphibious assaults, attack helicopters and warplanes and, on Pagan, ship-to-shore naval bombardment. The training would destroy native forests and coral reefs, kill native wildlife—including endangered species—and destroy prime farmland.

Communities on Tinian—mostly indigenous Chamorro and low-income residents—would be subjected to high-decibel noise, as well as restricted access to traditional

fishing grounds, cultural sites and recreational beaches. Cultural and historic sites would be destroyed. Indigenous Chamorro and Refaluwasch (Carolinian) families evacuated from Pagan in 1981 would never be able to return, their former home turned into a militarized wasteland.

"I spent many happy years of my childhood growing up on Pagan," said Cinta M. Kaitpat of PaganWatch. "Close family members of mine were there when the volcano erupted in 1981 and were forced to flee. Many of us want to return and resettle Pagan. For those who lived there, Pagan remains their homeland. We do not want to see it obliterated by the military."

Tinian is a small island with a population of just over

3,000. Currently, the only live-fire training conducted there is limited to a sniper target range. No training currently takes place on Pagan, a remote island that has been largely uninhabited since a volcanic eruption in 1981 forced evacuation of the local population. Many former residents and their children would like to return to live on the island.

The groups represented by Earthjustice have been fighting this proposal since it was first made public in 2013.

"When the Northern Mari-

anas agreed to remain part of the United States, destroying the northern two-thirds of our island with live-fire training and bombing was never part of the deal," said Florine Hofsneider of the Tinian Women's Association. "We refuse to accept the Navy's plans to subject our children to nearly constant bombardment."

"The Navy's decision would have devastating consequences for the people of Tinian and Pagan," said Earthjustice attorney David Henkin. "The National Environmental

Policy Act requires the Navy to take a hard look at all of the impacts associated with relocating 5,000 Marines to Guam and to look at alternative ways to accomplish its goals before making such a decision. The Navy blatantly violated those mandatory legal duties when it decided to station Marines on Guam without any consideration of the destruction from live-fire training the Navy claims those Marines will need or of other places those Marines could be trained with far fewer impacts." (PR)

No response from Obama, Schatz on monument expansion concerns

HONOLULU—U.S. Senator Brian Schatz (D-Hawaii) has yet to respond to a June 20, 2016 request to meet with the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council on his proposal to expand the size of the Papahanaumokuakea Marine National Monument (PMNM) fourfold.

Also unanswered are letters sent by the Council to President Obama on April 8 and July 14, 2016, with concerns about the impact to Hawaii's fisheries of the proposals by Schatz and by seven Native Hawaiians in January 2016 that the President expand the monument using his authority under the Antiquities Act.

Council chair Edwin Ebisui Jr., executive director Kitty M. Simonds, and vice chairs McGrew Rice, William Sword, John Gourley, and Michael Duenas reminded the senator that the council has federal jurisdiction over the waters within the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands beyond the current monument boundaries under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976.

"We are dismayed that you did not consult with the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council prior to distribution of your letters, which have proliferated unsubstantiated statements through the media," the Council wrote to Hawaii fishermen, businessmen and chefs rallied on July 15 to publicize their concerns about the impact of the proposed expansion on their livelihood and availability of fresh local fish.

"As you yourself note, the Hawaii longline fishery uses 'responsible and sustainable practices and has resulted in

Honolulu's recognition as one of the nation's ten most productive fishing ports,'" the letter continued. "This fishery is not simply about economics, it is also about the sustainability of the State of Hawaii through local food security (see the State of Hawaii 2050 Sustainability Plan, the Governor's Aloha + Challenge, and the Hōkūle'a Worldwide Voyage Promise to Paeaina). ... It is essential that you meet with us so that the discussion on your proposal is grounded in truth and science."

According to his website, Schatz was in Hawaii on July 17, before heading to Asia. While in Hawaii, he met with PACOM commander Admiral Harry Harris, toured the USS AMERICA, observed the Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise, and met with sailors.

In its letters to the President, the council said residential actions have already proclaimed 28 percent of the U.S. exclusive economic zone in the U.S. Pacific Islands Region as marine national monuments. All of the nation's marine national monuments are in this region, which contradicts Executive Order 12898 on Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations and Executive Order 13158 on Marine Protected Areas. The July 14 letter also states, "Unilateral Presidential action to expand the PMNM under the Antiquities Act is contrary to the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act, which over the last 40 years has resulted in sustainable US fisheries and ecosystem protection. Expanding the PMNM under Antiquities

Act also undermines the principles and public participation process established under the National Environmental Policy Act."

"The scientific and public participatory requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, with which the Council must comply in managing fisheries, is a far cry from the token three-hour public meetings to be held by NOAA and the US Fish & Wildlife Service on Aug. 1 and 2 in Waipahu on Oahu and in Lihue on Kauai," says Ebisui. According to the notice of the meeting, just released publicly Monday, written comments can also be submitted in person during regular business hours at three locations on Oahu, Maui and the Big Island on these same days.

"A decision of this gravity should require more than the decision of a single person or the desire by some to have something big to announce at the IUCN World Congress and 2016 Our Ocean Conference in September," adds Simonds. "This decision will have a permanent negative impact on the livelihoods of thousands, the availability of local fresh fish for Hawaii and the United States, and the rights of the State of Hawaii and Native Hawaiians to cultural and economic opportunities in the waters and submerged lands in an area equal in size to the land mass of all of Washington, Oregon, California and Texas combined."

For copies of the letters to Schatz and Obama and information on fisheries in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and concerns about the monument expansion, go to www.wpcouncil.org/nwhi-fisheries. (PR)

International scientists in Guam for Ciliates Workshop hosted by UOG

If you like eating hamburgers, you can thank a ciliate! Ciliates are microscopic-sized protozoans that play an important part in various types of ecosystems. They inhabit the stomachs of cows helping them digest their food, are useful residents of sewage treatment plants, and live in our lakes, streams and oceans. Ciliates move by waving hair-like structures called cilia. Molecular researchers around the world study ciliates, as their cells are large, sometimes more complex than human cells, and they are found almost everywhere.

The International Re-

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
This photo shows a species of ciliate (*Euploties uncinatus*) described from Guam; like corals, this ciliate hosts algae inside its cell and is one of only three ciliates in the world known to harbor such algae.

search Coordination Network for Biodiversity of Ciliates (IRCN-BC) are meeting on Guam from July 26 to 29 to study ciliates. University of Guam scientist, Dr. Chris Lobban organized the workshop, which is funded by the National Science Foundation.

UOG is hosting scientists from Germany, China, Canada, Russia, Korea, and the United States. The attendees will participate in a collecting blitz visiting Guam's coral reefs, mangroves, aquaculture ponds, and streams.

"Since there has not been much study of ciliates in local fresh water or salt water, our goal is to develop a checklist

of ciliates for Guam, and I am certain we will find species that are new to science and have not been previously described," said Lobban.

The theme of the workshop is "How can we advance integration of the three dimensions of biodiversity: function, taxonomy, and genetics?" with the goals of facilitating collaboration in understanding diversity patterns, processes, and ecological roles of ciliates between the studies of genetic, taxonomic and functional sciences.

For more information, please contact Dr. Lobban at 688-2992 or via email clobban@triton.uog.edu. (PR)



APTC supports skills development in Kiribati

The Australia-Pacific Technical College is contributing toward the development of skilled workers in targeted sectors across the Pacific, including those in Small Island States such as Kiribati.

This week, APTC celebrated the success of 38 i-Kiribati students who graduated with APTC qualifications. This adds to the growing pool of more than 330 Kiribati citizens who have graduated from APTC since its establishment in 2007.

APTC is an innovative development project funded by the Australian Government, delivering Australian skills and qualifications for a wide range of vocational careers for skilled Pacific workers.

This year's graduation included 17 women who graduated in a variety of programs. Two women graduated in trades courses (Light Vehicle Technology and Wall and Floor Tiling) while another two were awarded dual qualifications in Home and Community Care/Aged Care. To date, 129 women from Kiribati have graduated from APTC.

The graduates were greatly encouraged by the presence of the President of Kiribati, His Excellency Taneti Mamau, who was at the ceremony to celebrate their success.

The keynote address was delivered by the Minister for

Labour and Human Resources Department, Honourable Ruateki Tekaiara.

He congratulated the graduates and urged them to venture beyond their limits and share their APTC experiences.

"Many of our APTC graduates have been successful in gaining and retaining long term employment with international companies contracted to complete major infrastructure projects here in Tarawa including the Road Project and the Bairiki Housing Projects," Hon. Mr Tekaiara added.

A key highlight of the graduation ceremony was the re-signing of the partnership agreement between APTC and KIT. The agreement ensures more prospects for i-Kiribati citizens in developing their vocational skills and enhancing employment opportunities.

"One of the key outcomes of the agreement has been the opportunity for high performing KIT Certificate 2 graduates to travel to APTC Fiji Campus to upgrade to Certificate 3 within their respective disciplines. These courses have only been offered by APTC for KIT and Kiribati and we are very grateful for this support from APTC," Hon. Mr Tekaiara said.

In his closing remarks, Australian High Commissioner to Kiribati, His Excellency

Bruce Cowled, expressed the Australian Government's congratulation to the graduates.

He acknowledged the contribution made by APTC in collaboration with KIT, to deliver internationally recognised qualifications that would improve the employability of graduates both domestically and abroad.

He noted Australia's long term commitment to supporting the Government of Kiribati improve market access and enhance labour mobility for the young men and women of Kiribati.

This was the 10th APTC graduation in Kiribati. (PR)

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT



Happy birthday to Kimberly Maratita Camacho! Wishing you a wonderful and joyous day with lots of laughter and fun. Greetings coming out from your Camacho family in H-town, Texas. Cheers!

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The Division of Solid Waste Management under the Department of Public Works would like to inform the general public, particularly commercial refuse haulers, that P.L. 6-30 "Commonwealth Solid Waste Management Act of 1989" as amended by P.L. 11-103 (effective Sept. 9, 1999) and P.L. 13-42 (effective Dec. 19, 2002) governs the collection, disposal and management of solid waste in the CNMI. Furthermore 2 CMC s/s 3514(a) of Chapter 155-30 (Administrative Code) clearly specifies the following:

2 CMC s/s 3514(a) empowers DPW to collect and dispose of solid waste as provided in the Act, assess fees by regulation for collection and disposal of solid waste and establish rules and regulations to enforce its powers.

In addition, P.L. 11-22 "Commonwealth Recycling Act of 1999," an act to establish a program to divert recyclable material from CNMI landfills and for other purpose. Section 2 (Findings and Purpose) paragraph four partially states "This Act will require shared responsibility and cooperation between the Division of Solid Waste Management, the Department of Public Works and the Department of Lands and Natural Resources.

Now, therefore, effective immediately, DPW Division of Solid Waste Management will enforce restrictions of recyclable materials and non-acceptance of prohibited hazardous items to be disposed of at the Marpi Landfill by both residential and commercial users. All recyclable materials and residential hazardous items must be disposed of at the Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station and shall be directed as such. Commercial waste haulers must ensure to inform their clients of this policy prior to providing services. Mandatory load inspections will be conducted. Likewise, commercially generated hazardous materials are not accepted at the Lower Base Refuse Transfer Station and commercial generator(s) must contact the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality for further information regarding disposal.

Recyclable and Prohibited Hazardous materials are as follows:

- Corrugated Cardboards/ Office Papers/ Newspapers/ etc.
- Aluminum cans and foils (clean)
- Plastic bottles and containers (clean)
- Glass/Food and beverage containers (clean)
- Scrap Metals
- White Goods (refrigerators, ranges, washers, dryers, water heaters, etc.)
- Tires
- E-waste (TV, computers, microwave ovens, cell phones, other electronic/battery operated devices, fax, printers, typewriters, etc.)
- Lead Acid and computer back up batteries
- Paints (oil and water base), Paint Thinners, solvents
- Fluorescent bulbs
- Coolants
- Household cleaning supplies (muriatic acid, chlorine bleach, etc.)
- Pesticides

For additional information, inquiries and available private recycling and hazardous handling companies, please call Mr. Enrique Dela Cruz Director of Division of Solid Waste Management at tel. nos. 322-2745 & 322-2760 or fax to 322-2762

Tel No's: (670) 235 - 5827 / 9570 Fax: (670) 235 - 6346



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INVITATION FOR BIDS DPW-16-IFB-019

NATIVO ROAD AND DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, SAIPAN, CNMI

Governor Ralph D. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for the Nativo Road and Drainage Improvement Project, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **July 22, 2016** at Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Treasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division. All interested bidders are also required to include Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC) in their bid packages in order to bid on this project. The ICC can be obtained at the Department of Commerce/Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) on Capital Hill.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations, dated May 24, 2001.

There will be a **Pre-bid Conference** for this project on **August 11, 2016**, 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works Conference Room 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center Office. The Prospective bidders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the site. All questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **August 23, 2016** to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Prospective bidders should examine and review the invitation for bids with care. If it should appear to a prospective bidder that the performance of the work under the contract or any of the matters relative thereto is not sufficiently described or explained in the invitation for bids, or that any discrepancy exists between different parts of the invitation for bids, or that full intent of the invitation for bids is not clear, then the prospective bidder shall submit a written request for clarification no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening at 4:30 p.m. to Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547.

The prospective bidder shall examine carefully the site of the proposed work and the invitation for bids before submitting a bid.

The Contracting Officer (CO) may, upon recommendation of the Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR), issue an addendum notifying all prospective bidders known to have received an invitation for bids, or if issued after the deadline for submission of the notice of intention to bid, to those persons who submitted such notice, of any changes to the invitation for bids. The Department of Public Works will make every reasonable attempt to notify all persons who obtained the invitation for bids from the Technical Services Division by telephone to pick up the addendum or if the CO chooses, the addendum may be mailed or delivered personally or by facsimile machine. If the bid proposal requires the acknowledgment of addendum, the prospective bidder shall indicate the date of each addendum in the space provided. It shall be the prospective bidder's responsibility to confirm the existence of any addendum by telephoning the COTR at (670) 234-5828/5838 no later than ten (10) working days before the scheduled bid opening.

Sealed bids must be marked "DPW-16-IFB-019". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **August 26, 2016**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time **August 26, 2016**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **August 26, 2016** and must be received no later than **September 7, 2016**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, at 10:00 a.m. local time, **September 8, 2016**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at 10:00 a.m. local time, on **August 26, 2016**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission. Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance and Payment bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than \$25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

- a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
- b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

A contractor submitting an unacceptable payment or performance bond may be permitted a reasonable time, as determined by the P&S Director, to substitute an acceptable bond prior to executing a contract.

Acceptable assets are only:

- 1) Cash
- 2) US Gov't Securities
- 3) Stocks and Bonds traded on US Security Exchange
- 4) Real Property owned in fee simple in US; and
- 5) Irrevocable Letters of Credit

Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **Three Hundred Dollars (US\$300.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not effect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ PETER P. CAMACHO
Acting Secretary of Public Works

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
Director of Procurement & Supply

PUBLIC NOTICE



Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Fourteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Monday, August 1, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Office of Pupil Transportation Conference Room, Lower Base, Saipan.

AGENDA¹

I. Preliminary

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
 - a. July 13, 2016 Special Board Meeting
 - b. July 21, 2016 Special Board of Education Work Session

II. Public Comments²

Reports

1. Chair
2. Board Committees
 - a. FPA
 - b. LIA
3. Commissioner of Education
 - a. Financial Status Reports
 - i. Federal
 - ii. Local
 - b. Head Start Program
 - c. Others

IV. Unfinished Business

1. Commissioner of Education

V. New Business

1. Early Head Start Program Expansion and Partnership Grant
2. BOE-PSS Comments to:
 - a. Senate Bill No. 19-103
 - b. House Bill No. 19-171
 - c. Senate Bill No. 19-55, SD1
3. Certification and Licensure Recommendations
 - a. CLO Report No. 2016-009

VI. Executive Session³

1. Legal Updates
2. Personnel/Certification
3. Other matters

VII. Administrative Matters

1. Adoption of Board Action Minutes for August 1, 2016

VIII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

IX. Adjournment

¹ In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.

² Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

³ Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Nation

Obama boosts Clinton: Carry her like you carried me

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—His own legacy on the line, President Barack Obama implored Americans to elect Hillary Clinton to the White House, casting her as a candidate who believes in the optimism that drives the nation's democracy and warning against the "deeply pessimistic vision" of Republican Donald Trump.

"America is already great. America is already strong," he declared to cheering delegates Wednesday night at the Democratic convention. "And I promise you, our strength, our greatness, does not depend on Donald Trump."

For Democrats, the night was steeped in symbolism, the passing of the baton from a barrier-breaking president to a candidate trying to make history herself. It culminated with Clinton making a surprise appearance on stage to greet Obama with a long embrace, an almost unimaginable image eight years ago when they battled for the Democratic nomination.

Obama urged Americans to summon the hopefulness of that White House campaign, before recession deepened and new terror threats shook voters' sense of security. He



President Barack Obama is joined by Democratic Presidential candidate Hillary Clinton waves after speaking to the delegates during the third day session of the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, Wednesday, July 27, 2016.

robustly vouched for Clinton's readiness to finish the job he started, saying "no matter how daunting the odds, no matter how much people try to knock her down, she never, ever quits."

Earlier Wednesday, Clinton's running mate, Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine, introduced himself to the nation as a formidable foil to Trump in his own right. With folksy charm,

he ridiculed Trump's list of promises and imitated one of the GOP candidate's favorite phrases.

"Believe me!" he said mockingly, as the audience boomed back, "No!"

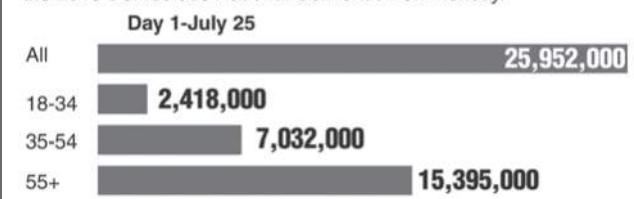
Obama's vigorous support for Clinton is driven in part by deep concern that Republican Trump might win in November and unravel his two terms in office. He warned repeat-

edly Wednesday that the billionaire businessman is unprepared for the challenges that would await him in the Oval Office.

Trump fueled more controversy Wednesday when he encouraged Russia to meddle in the presidential campaign. On the heels of reports that Russia may have hacked Democratic Party emails, Trump said, "Russia,

DNC viewers first night

An estimated 26 million people tuned in to watch the first night of the 2016 Democratic National Convention on Monday.



Day 1 – ABC, CBS, NBC, CNN, Fox Business Network, FOXNC and MSNBC
Source: Nielsen
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

if you're listening," it would be desirable to see Moscow find and publish the thousands of emails Clinton says she deleted during her years as secretary of state.

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children and families, and relishing in her historic nomination as the first woman to lead a major political party into the general election.

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Actors, delegates protest on quiet Day 3 of Dem convention

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Actors and delegates took center stage in smaller and more subdued protests by Bernie Sanders supporters on a mostly quiet Day 3 of the Democratic National Convention.

Susan Sarandon, Danny Glover, Shailene Woodley and Rosario Dawson joined forces as night fell to protest what they consider slights against loyalists of Sanders, a Vermont U.S. senator who competed against Hillary Clinton in the party's presidential primaries before endorsing her.

Sarandon said convention organizers scuttled planned remarks from prominent Sanders surrogate Nina Turner, a former Ohio state senator, at the convention on Tuesday night.

"There's been a lot of difficulty in executing the will of Bernie Sanders' people and surrogates, and this was just a topping for the whole thing because she was ready to go. And she was very, very disappointed," Sarandon said as the other celebrities joined her on a platform. "This has not gone by lightly, and ... we are upset."

Late Wednesday, hundreds of protesters gathered outside the convention site as Vice President Joe Biden, vice presidential nominee Tim Kaine and President Barack Obama spoke inside. At one point a protester's clothes caught on fire while trying to stomp on a burning flag.

The protester dropped to the ground and rolled around to put the fire out. Another tense moment arose when protesters knocked over part of a security fence, but police quickly moved in.

Earlier in the day, half a dozen Sanders delegates spoke to about 300 demonstrators gathered at a plaza near City Hall, about 4 miles from the convention site, for rallies and speeches.

Erika Onsrud, an at-large delegate from Minnesota, told the people in the crowd they need to continue to fight. Amid cheers, she exhorted them: "Stay awake!"

Other delegates acknowledged that Sanders' loss was disappointing but told the supporters they can create change without the Democratic Party and the mainstream media, contending the media contributed to a rigged election.

A few blocks away, police detained 10 protesters at Comcast's corporate headquarters for holding a sit-in accusing the cable TV giant and NBC owner of not reporting the truth. Officers zip-tied them and briefly closed the 975-foot-tall skyscraper to all but Comcast employees. The demonstrators were ticketed and released. Another group of about a dozen anti-Israel demonstrators protested at a hotel where a number of delegations to the four-day convention were staying. They called for a free Palestine.

Trump to Russia: Uncover, release deleted Clinton emails

WASHINGTON (AP)—Donald Trump encouraged Russia on Wednesday to find and make public missing emails deleted by his presidential opponent, Hillary Clinton, setting off an instant debate over hacking and his urging of a foreign government to meddle in American politics.

Shortly after Trump's extraordinary remarks, his Republican running mate, Indiana Gov. Mike Pence, took a different tack and warned of "serious consequences" if Russia interfered in the election.

Democrat—and some Republicans—quickly con-

demned the remarks by the Republican presidential standard-bearer.

They came as the Democrats met on the third day of their national convention in Philadelphia, where Clinton will accept the presidential nomination Thursday night to face Republican Trump in November.

Trump's comments raised the question of whether he was condoning foreign government hacking of U.S. computers and the public release of information stolen from political adversaries—actions that are at least publicly frowned upon across the globe. His brief remarks

managed to divert attention from an embarrassing leak of other hacked emails that exposed sensitive internal political communications that had divided Democrats.

"Russia, if you're listening, I hope you're able to find the 30,000 emails that are missing," Trump said. He was referring to emails on Clinton's private server that she said she deleted—because they were private—before turning other messages over to the State Department. The Justice Department declined to prosecute Clinton over her email practices, but FBI Director James Comey called her "extremely careless" in

handling classified information as President Barack Obama's secretary of state.

The Clinton campaign called Trump's statement the "first time that a major presidential candidate has actively encouraged a foreign power to conduct espionage against a political opponent."

At a news conference in Doral, Florida, after Trump's initial remarks, he was asked whether he had any qualms about asking a foreign government to hack into computers in the United States. Trump did not directly respond except to say, "That's up to the president. Let the president talk to them."

which points to local transmission via mosquitoes," he said of the Florida cases.

The virus is mainly spread by mosquitoes, as well as sex. So far, the 1,400 infections reported in the U.S. have been linked to travel to countries with Zika outbreaks in Latin America or the Caribbean.

Zika causes only a mild illness in most people. But scientists recently confirmed that

infection during pregnancy can lead to severe brain-related birth defects.

The tropical mosquito that spreads Zika and other viruses is also found in the southern U.S. Health officials have predicted that mosquitoes in the U.S. would begin spreading Zika this summer and have mobilized to keep it from spreading beyond isolated clusters.

Mosquitoes suspected in 2 new mysterious Florida Zika cases

NEW YORK (AP)—Florida health officials are investigating two more mysterious cases of Zika infection that do not appear to be related to travel, bringing the total to four.

The cases have raised the possibility that mosquitoes in the U.S. have begun to spread the virus. Florida officials say they are still looking into the cases and have not come to a conclusion.

The four cases are in neigh-

World

Church attacker nurtured jihad in quiet French town

SAINT-ETIENNE-DU-ROUVRAY, France (AP)—Adel Kermiche nursed his obsession with jihad in this quiet French town alongside the Seine River, and his twice-thwarted attempt to join Islamic State extremists in Syria ended with an attack on an elderly priest celebrating Mass in its sturdy stone church.

New details emerged Wednesday about the 19-year-old, one of two assailants who took five hostages Tuesday at the church in Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray, slitting the throat

of the 85-year-old priest, the Rev. Jacques Hamel, before being shot to death by police.

The attack was claimed by the Islamic State group, which released a video Wednesday allegedly showing Kermiche and his accomplice clasping hands and pledging allegiance to the group.

In it, Kermiche identifies himself by the nom de guerre Abul Jaleel al-Hanafi, and says his compatriot, who has not been identified by French authorities, is called Ibn Omar. Wearing a camouflage jacket

and speaking in broken Arabic, Kermiche recites: “We pledge allegiance and obedience to Emir of the faithful Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi in hardship and in ease.”

Those who knew him in this Normandy town where he grew up said Kermiche appeared to think of little else other than trying to join the extremist group in Syria after the January 2015 attacks on the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo and a kosher supermarket.

“He said it wasn’t possible

Kerry talks with new PH president critical of US

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The top U.S. diplomat shared a working lunch Wednesday with the new Philippine president, who has criticized U.S. security policies and publicly made friendly overtures to China.

President Rodrigo Duterte and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry discussed a range of issues, including the South China Sea disputes, battling terrorism and personal interests like motorcycles and hunting, presidential spokesman Ernesto Abella said.

During the luncheon, Kerry congratulated Duterte for his election victory, which he said showed the strength and vibrancy of Filipino democracy, Kerry’s deputy spokesman Mark Toner said.

Kerry offered \$32 million in aid for law enforcement

training, Abella said, adding that Duterte explained his ongoing campaign against illegal drugs.

Nearly 300 suspected drug dealers and users have been killed in reported gunbattles with police and in unexplained killings, alarming human rights watchdogs and Roman Catholic church officials.

Kerry pledged U.S. willingness to provide continued assistance to the Philippine government as it addressed drug trafficking and violent extremism, and to deepen and strengthen relations across the board, Toner said.

On the Philippines’ territorial disputes with China, Duterte said his government would base any negotiations with Beijing on a landmark July 12 ruling by a tribunal in The Hague that invalidated

China’s expansive territorial claims in the South China Sea under a 1982 international maritime treaty. China has rejected the ruling and said it should never be the basis of any talks with the Philippines.

“The president did mention that whatever talks he will engage will begin with the ruling, that will be the foundation,” Abella said.

While both reaffirmed the close ties between the long-time allies, Abella told reporters Duterte also mentioned “how America and the other foreign colonial powers actually inflicted a lot of, you know, historical pain ... especially to the residents of Mindanao,” referring to the southern region where the president had been a long-time city mayor.



AP

A picture of late Father Jacques Hamel is placed on flowers at the makeshift memorial in front of the city hall closed to the church where an hostage taking left a priest dead the day before in Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray, Normandy, France, Wednesday, July 27, 2016.

to live peacefully in France. He spoke with words that did not belong to him. He was mesmerized, like in a sect,” his mother said in an interview last year after her son was detained and returned to France after trying to make it to Syria.

She said the family, who

had flagged him to authorities, did not know where to turn.

“Luckily he was caught in time twice,” she told the Tribunal de Geneve newspaper. “If he had made it to Syria, I would have had to write him off.”

Initially Kermiche was jailed, but a judge later or-

dered him released—over prosecutor objections—and placed him under limited house arrest with an electronic surveillance bracelet.

He was not the first person to leave this corner of Normandy headed for Syria, nor the most notorious.

WORLD BRIEFS

Iraq: Attacks kill at least 18; province takes on militants

BAGHDAD (AP)—Militants unleashed a series of attacks Wednesday in and around Baghdad, killing at least 18 people, officials said. South of the Iraqi capital, a provincial council approved a decision allowing authorities to demolish homes of convicted militants and banish their families from the province. The deadliest attack killed three policemen and three civilians when a suicide bomber on foot blew up his explosives-laden vest at a police checkpoint in Baghdad’s Shiite neighborhood of Shula, a police officer said. At least 15 people were wounded in the explosion, he added. In the town of Youssifyah, 12 miles (20 kilometers) south of Baghdad, a bomb explosion in a commercial area killed at least three shoppers and wounded nine others, another police officer said. Elsewhere three intelligence officers affiliated to the Interior Min-

istry were gunned down by drive-by shooters armed with pistols fitted with silencers in the northeastern suburb of Rashidiya, police added.

Prostitution allegations investigated against Samsung boss

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—South Korean prosecutors said Wednesday that they have started investigating allegations that ailing Samsung Group chairman Lee Kun-hee bought sex from prostitutes several times between 2011 and 2013. An official from the Seoul Central District Prosecutors’ Office said the case is being handled by a division specializing in crimes against women and children. He refused to be named, citing office rules. The allegations were raised last week after internet news outlet Newstapa released footage purportedly showing a man who appeared to be Lee interacting with women who

might have been prostitutes on several occasions.

5 PH leaders, often rivals, unite to discuss China

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The new Philippine leader on Wednesday gathered four past presidents, most of whom have been politically at odds with one another, to discuss a unifying worry: their country’s territorial disputes with China. President Rodrigo Duterte convened the National Security Council mainly to discuss his government’s strategy in negotiating with China a resolution to the long-seething South China Sea conflict, officials said. Four ex-presidents attended the meeting at the Malacanang presidential palace: Fidel Ramos, Joseph Estrada, Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and Duterte’s predecessor, Benigno Aquino III, in the most incumbent and former Filipino leaders to gather in one meeting in the Philippine republic’s history.



Husband: †Nicanor Alba Bocago
Son: †Jorge Lingal Bocago
Daughter: †Ma. Trinidad Lingal Bocago

Her Memories will forever live in the hearts of her:
Children: Ofelia B. Espinueva & Children, Joselito L. Bocago & Children, Henedina B. & Lif D. Pastrana & Children, Maria Luz B. Diagro & Children, Benjamin L. & Franciosa D. Bocago & Children, Lilian B. & Nick Gutierrez & Children

Grand Children & Great Grand Children.

She will also be missed by her numerous friends & relatives.

Mass of intentions for the repose soul are being celebrated daily at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 6:00 a.m., until Aug. 2, 2016

Viewing & last respect will be held at Mt. Carmel Cathedral at 10:00 a.m. on Aug 3, 2016 followed by the burial.

Life & Style

Lady Gaga putting on invite-only Democratic convention show

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP)—Camden, one of the country's most impoverished cities, will get some time in the Democratic convention spotlight Thursday with some help from Lady Gaga.

But while thousands of delegates have been invited across the Delaware River for an afternoon concert with the pop star, press won't be allowed to cover the event sponsored by the man considered New Jersey's most powerful unelected political power broker.

George Norcross and the Senate Majority PAC are hosting the invite-only "Camden Rising" event Thursday afternoon with invites going out to all of the convention's delegates, hours before Hillary Clinton accepts the Democratic Party's nomination.

A spokesman for Norcross said performer contracts prohibited press from be-

ing able to cover the event, which also will include performances by Lenny Kravitz and DJ Jazzy Jeff.

Norcross is credited with working with Republican Gov. Chris Christie to help in redevelopment efforts in Camden, many partially funded through state grants and tax credits. The insurance executive is a Democratic superdelegate along with his brother, U.S. Rep. Donald Norcross. Both are supporting Clinton.

"It's going to be, with the exception of the acceptance speech by Hillary Clinton, the hottest ticket at the convention based on the responses that we've gotten so far," Norcross said last week. "I think having it in Camden and entitling it 'Camden Rising' and telling a little of the story of Camden is very helpful for the city, its resurgence and what everyone is doing to



try to make it a better place."

Gary Frazier, a Green Party candidate for Camden City Council and an organizer for Black Men for Bernie, said

at a pro-Bernie Sanders event that started in the city on Monday that protesters will be at Thursday's concert to send a message that the city is still

AP
In this Feb. 28, 2016 file photo, Lady Gaga arrives at the Vanity Fair Oscar Party in Beverly Hills, Calif.

struggling.

"I live here," he said. "How's it turning around when we have violence in our city, where you have youth killing youth?"

While Camden has drawn national attention for community policing—President Barack Obama lauded the efforts last year during a visit to the city—crime was up in the first six months of the year by nearly 14 percent and the city's homicide total had more than doubled, according to state police statistics released this week.

No spoilers, but 'Gilmore Girls' star says chemistry is back

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Melissa McCarthy

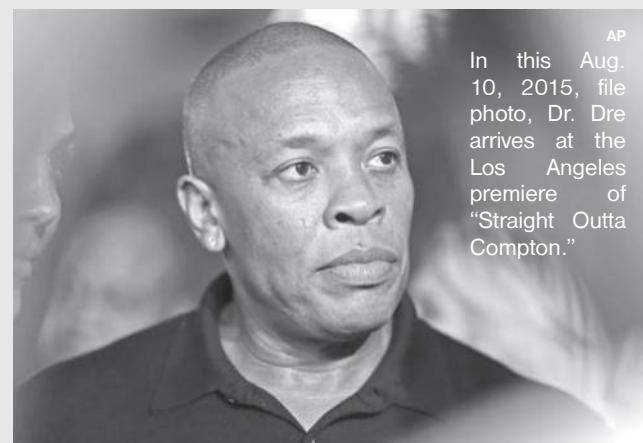
answered the call for Netflix's "Gilmore Girls" sequel and made magic again with star Lauren Graham, the show's creator said.

The new series, "Gilmore Girls: A Year in the Life," includes four 90-minute chapters that will debut globally on Nov. 25.



AP
In this April 30, 2013 file photo, actress Lauren Graham poses for a portrait in promotion of her new book, "Someday, Someday, Maybe: A Novel," in New York.

Dr. Dre beats gun rap following Malibu driveway encounter



AP
In this Aug. 10, 2015, file photo, Dr. Dre arrives at the Los Angeles premiere of "Straight Outta Compton."

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Los Angeles prosecutors have declined to bring gun charges against rapper Dr. Dre.

A spokesman for the Los Angeles district attorney said Wednesday there was a lack of evidence that the record producer and entrepreneur had brandished a gun in public.

Sheriff's deputies had cited Dre for a misdemeanor after a man reported that Dre pointed a handgun at him and threatened him outside his

Malibu home Monday.

Dre, whose real name is Andre Young, told sheriff's deputies he didn't have a gun and had only asked the man to move the car blocking his driveway.

Dre was briefly handcuffed, but no weapon was found. Prosecutors say there were no other witnesses, and there were discrepancies in the man's account.

The man then filed a citizen's arrest complaint.

"She's the same," she said. McCarthy and Graham "have a weird Lucy-and-Ethel thing that you kind of have to just see it to understand it," Sherman-Palladino said, and played off each other within minutes of reuniting.

Graham said the entire cast, including Alexis Bledel, Scott Patterson and Kelly Bishop, easily connected again. "Everything was like, 'Oh, here's the chemistry we had from the very first day we met,' and

Mom fights feelings of guilt over son being an only child

DEAR ABBY: I am the mother of a 13-year-old son, my only child. For the past 10 years I have been living with mounting guilt over the fact that he doesn't have a sibling. It's not because my husband and I haven't tried, we have. But fertility issues took us down an empty road, and adoption discussions were just that—discussions.

I can't tell you how many times our son has said he wishes he had a sibling. Every time, it's like a knife in my heart and the guilt surges back. I think about the future and how he will have no brother or sister to share life with or lean on when something happens to my husband or me. Although I have always felt blessed to have him, I can't escape these feelings. Sometimes I feel like I have failed him horribly.

It's worth noting that my son is a happy, well-adjusted child. He has good peer relationships in school, is close to me and my husband and has hobbies and friends he enjoys spending time with. My love for him is endless, and I pray that he will forgive me someday for not being able to give him what he has so deserved.

SAD MOM IN OHIO

DEAR SAD MOM: Take a step back, stop self-flagellating and ask yourself how many times your son may have also asked for a puppy. You say you have raised a happy, well-adjusted son. That's an accomplishment that should

fill you with pride. Not being able to give birth to another child is not something you should feel guilty about or need forgiveness for, and neither is refraining from adopting "so your son would have a sibling." Not all siblings have the kind of relationship you fantasize about. While some do, many do not.

Please consider carefully what I have said and search your heart. And if you still think you are guilty of any sin of omission, discuss it with a licensed psychotherapist.

DEAR ABBY: Last year I found out my husband borrowed \$3,500 from our savings account and gave it to a female co-worker. When I asked where the money had gone, he lied to me.

It has been more than a year and the co-worker hasn't repaid the money. She comes up with cockamamie excuses, but has plenty of money to buy gifts for her grandkids and new clothes for herself. When I contacted her about it, she called human resources on my husband! He said no one at work likes her and she has a lot of personal problems.

Our marriage has been rocky, and we need this money back. What's really going on here? How do I get her to start paying back the money? I have reached the end of my rope and my husband is no help whatsoever. He gets mad whenever I ask about the money. Some advice, please?

NEEDS THE MONEY

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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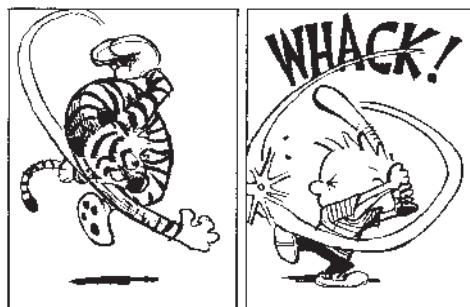
DEAR NEEDS THE MONEY: Stop asking your husband about the money. It should be clear by now that the woman he gave it to has no intention of repaying it. As to her not being liked at the office, HE must have liked her or he wouldn't have forked over all that dough.

Because your marriage is "rocky," I'm recommending that you seek couples counseling. Perhaps with the help of a mediator your husband will be able to be completely truthful with you. That's essential because good marriages are based on trust.

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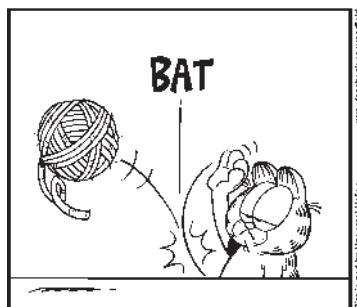
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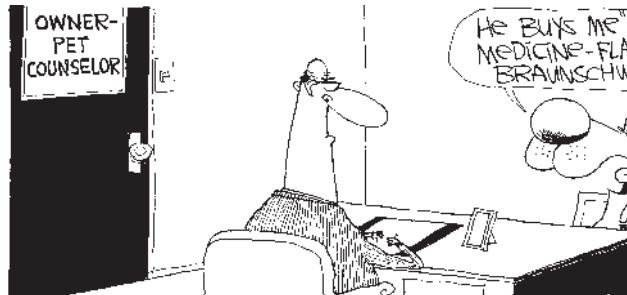


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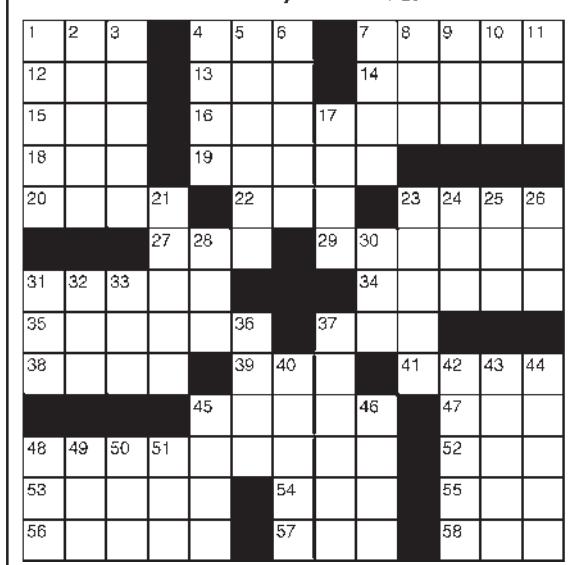
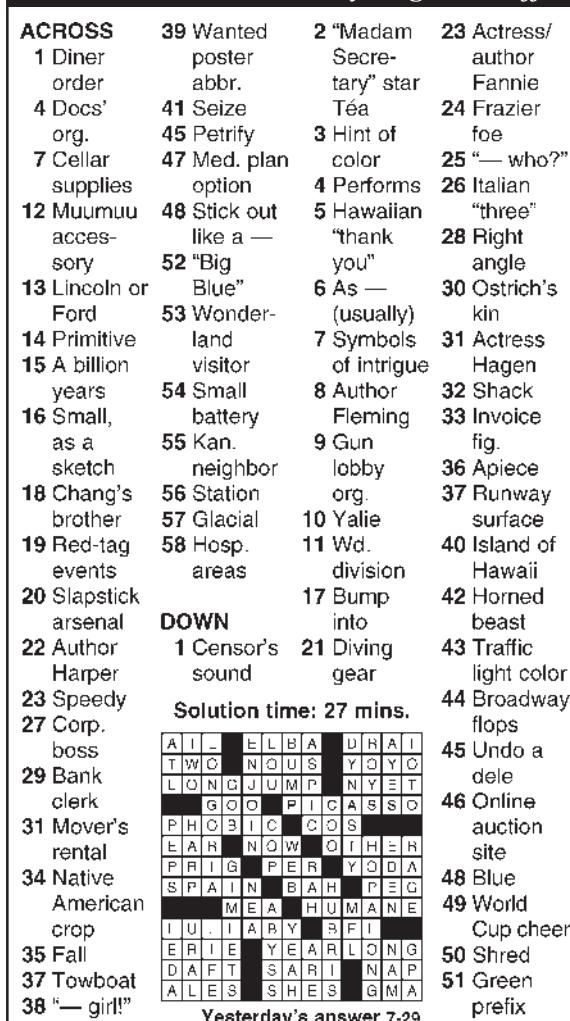


By Glenn McCoy

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CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Munro Chambers, 26; Josh Radnor, 42; Wil Wheaton, 44; Martina McBride, 50.

Happy Birthday: Taking on too much or trying to help too many people will cause you to fall short. You can do far more to benefit others by helping yourself first. Once you are in a position of influence, you will have more control over the effect you can have on those who need your help. Romance is in the stars. Your numbers are 7, 19, 24, 30, 36, 41, 44.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take greater interest in what others do and say, and you will find a way to make a financial gain from the information you receive. Your versatility will enable you to jump from one thing to another with ease. ☀️☀️☀️

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Avoid foolish purchases. Being too generous with friends or children won't pay your bills. Learn from past mistakes and put your money into something that will contribute to your retirement needs. Play it safe. ☀️☀️

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your dependable way of dealing with people will draw attention from others and put you where the action is. A romantic evening can bring about positive changes to the way you live or the relationships that mean the most to you. ☀️☀️

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Share your thoughts and ideas to see if anyone can contribute suggestions that will spur you on to take your endeavors to the next level.

A home improvement project will raise interest from someone you least expect. ☀️☀️

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Keep an open mind when it comes to relationships. Whether it's a business or a personal connection, you will achieve more if you work with instead of against the grain. Aim to stabilize your life and your goals will be easier to attain. ☀️☀️☀️

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Emotions could be difficult to control. Don't let anyone push you to the limit or coax you into a no-win situation. Stick to the people and activities that you enjoy the most. Make the best choices for you. ☀️

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get involved in something that you feel passionate about. Your ideas, talents and input will lead to a personal change that will help you see what you need to eliminate from your life and what you should pursue instead. ☀️☀️☀️

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A contract or settlement is best put on hold. More information will be required before you can make an honest assessment or a good decision. Put more into a project that requires creativity, but don't be tempted to go over budget. ☀️☀️

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Look at all your options and make decisions based on what is least confining.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Weigh the pros and cons of any deal before you get too enthusiastic. A poker face will help you get what you want. Don't be thrown off course by a last-minute maneuver someone makes. Follow your instincts. ☀️☀️

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AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Participation will allow you to show off what you have to offer. The more involved you are in whatever project you choose to pursue, the greater the satisfaction will be. A partnership will pay off and romance is encouraged. ☀️☀️☀️

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An emotional incident could keep you from making a good decision. Step away from the situation and consider past experiences and you'll know exactly how to move forward. Don't give in to manipulative tactics. ☀️

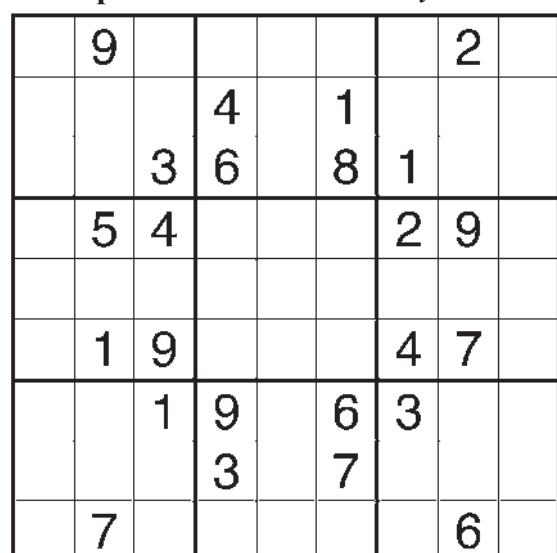
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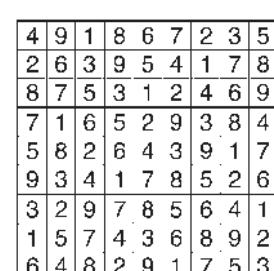
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By DAVID OUELLET

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM,)
Plaintiff,) CIVIL ACTION
_____) NO. 15-0086
vs.)
FLORIDA A GRIZZARD,) AMENDED
Defendant.) SUMMONS

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

FLORIDA A. GRIZZARD
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED AND NOTIFIED to file any answer you wish to make to the COMPLAINT, a copy of which can be obtained at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres in Chalan Kiya, within twenty (20) days after service of this AMENDED SUMMONS upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to Robert Tenorio Torres, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, or as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Court of the above-entitled Court for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Office of the Clerk of Court, CNMI Superior Court, 1st Floor, Guma' Hustisia, Ilimau Aweewa, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950-0307. It may be prepared and signed for you by your attorney and sent to the Clerk of Court by messenger or by mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this AMENDED SUMMONS, judgment by default pursuant to the court rules of the above-entitled Court may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-16-016

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CUC POWER PLANTS 1, 2, AND 4
SAIPAN, CNMI

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced construction firms for the Typhoon Soudelor Permanent Restoration Project for CUC Power Plant Nos. 1 and 2, located at Lower Base and No. 4, located at Puerto Rico, Saipan, CNMI. The Contractor shall provide and pay for all labor, materials, tools, equipment, transportation, temporary construction of every nature, and all other services and facilities necessary to execute, complete and deliver the work within the specified time frame. A mandatory pre-proposal conference will be conducted at the CUC Power Plant Administration Building in Lower Base, Saipan on August 5, 2016 at 1:00 p.m., ChST. Immediately after the conference, Site Visits to Power Plant facilities will be arranged. Proposers shall familiarize themselves with the site conditions prior to submitting the proposal. Prospective Proposers must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The RFP Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Jooten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$200.00 (non-refundable) for one RFP package set. The RFP package consisting of the specifications and plans for the project, will be provided in a CD or emailed to the registered email ID. One (1) original and Five (6) hard copies and 1 Compact Disc (CD) of the entire submission in PDF format must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC RFP-16-016 Typhoon Soudelor Permanent Restoration Project, CUC Power Plants 1, 2, and 4" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Jooten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than 10:00 a.m., (ChST) on August 31, 2016. Late submissions and conditional proposals will not be considered. The awarded Proposer will be required to submit a copy of a valid CNMI Business license in compliance with the Contractor's Registration and Licensing Laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, upon award of the contract. The Contractor and all subcontractors will be obligated to pay wage rates not less than the current CNMI minimum wage, prevailing through the period of contract, as indicated in the web page – <https://marianaslabor.net>. 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Mavericks boost Nowitzki's deal to \$50 million



DALLAS (AP)—Dirk Nowitzki has signed his contract with Dallas, and a person with knowledge of the deal says it's worth more than the original agreement.

The 38-year-old star who has spent all 18 of his seasons with the Mavericks signed a two-year, \$50 million contract on Wednesday — \$10 million more than the deal struck before contracts could be signed. The person with knowledge of the contract provided terms to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they weren't released.

After playing for two years on a hometown discount at roughly \$8 million per season, Nowitzki will be the highest-paid Dallas player at \$25 million in 2016-17. Free agent addition Harrison Barnes, who signed a four-year, \$94 million contract, will make about \$22 million next season.

Nowitzki has said he would like to play 20 seasons. There is a team option in the second year of the deal, but that decision will be driven by the 7-foot German and whether he feels he has another season in him.

The day after last season ended with yet another first-round playoff exit, Nowitzki said he believed he could contribute for at least two more years. And he showed it, leading the team in scoring in the regular season and the five-game loss to Oklahoma City.

Dallas is bringing back point guard Deron Williams on a second straight one-year deal. Williams had a solid debut with his hometown team after Brooklyn bought out his contract.

The other starter is Wesley Matthews, a shooting guard who stuck with Dallas and got a max contract last summer after center DeAndre Jordan wrecked the Mavericks' free agency plans by agreeing to join them before changing his mind and staying with the Los Angeles Clippers.

The Mavericks signed two undrafted free agents Wednesday in former LSU guard

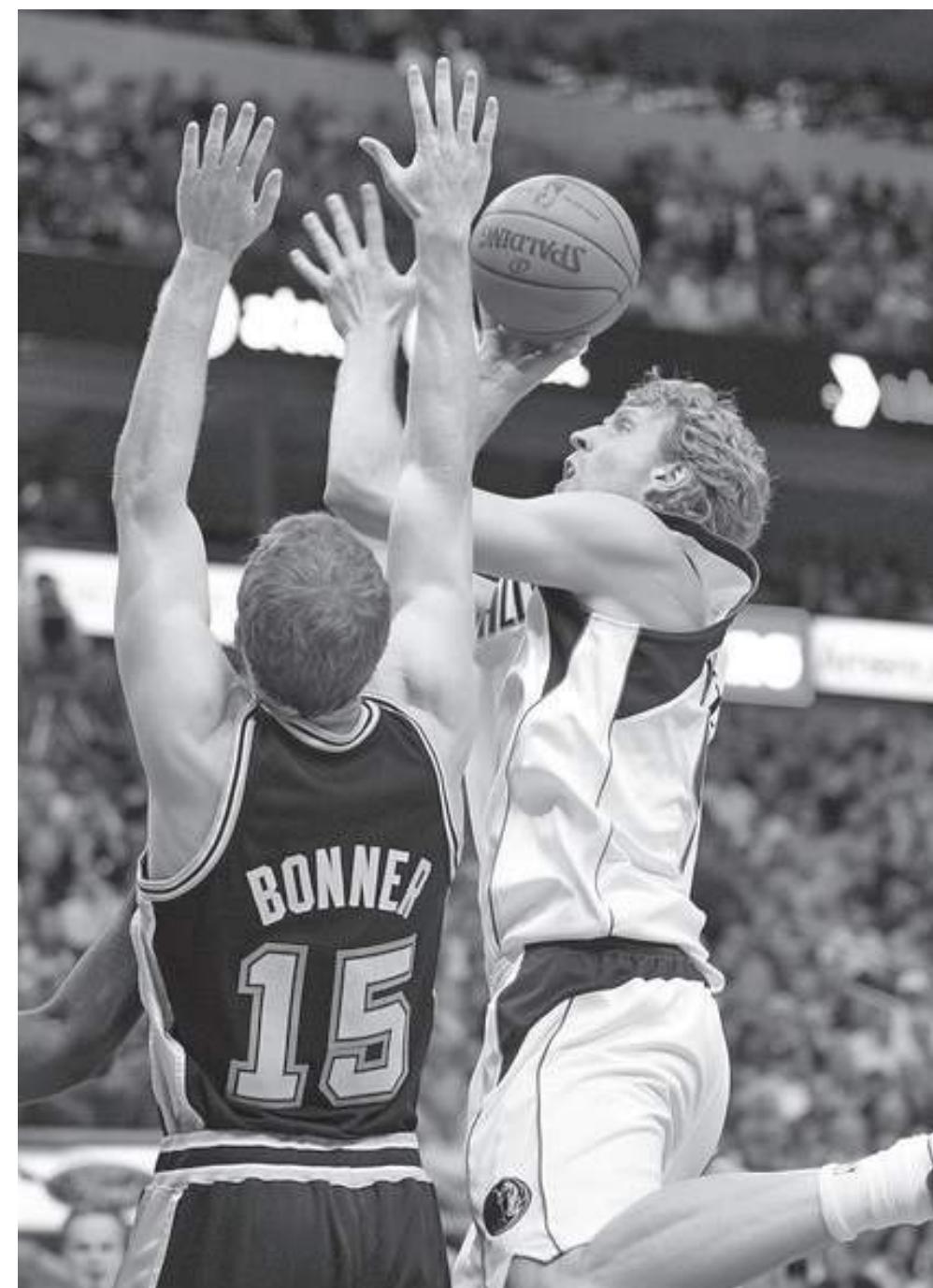
became a day of tending to a sick family and himself.

"Dash and Lucy (his children) are sick right now, and kind of Dash passed that on to me a little bit," Day said. "I'm OK. I'm fine. I'm just a little bit under the weather. Ellie (his wife) had an allergic reaction last night and had to go to the hospital. We were there until 2 o'clock or something like that. So I'm kind of running on 'E' right now. She's fine. Everything was great."

The 28-year-old Australian has eight wins in 2015 and 2016, but he hasn't had a good first round in any of the majors this year, which makes his having two Top Ten finishes in them all the more impressive.

He shot a 72 to start the Masters and was able to finish tied for 10th. At the U.S. Open at Oakmont, he started with a 76 and rallied to finish tied for eighth. At the British Open he started with a 73 and finished tied for 22nd at Royal Troon.

"I think there's a little bit of expectation obviously on my shoulders; that I've got off to a great start this year. You've got to come out and fire on all cylinders and get yourself



AP In this April 13, 2016, file photo, San Antonio Spurs' Matt Bonner, left, defends as Dallas Mavericks' Dirk Nowitzki (41), of Germany, attempts to shoot in the first half of an NBA basketball game in Dallas. A person with knowledge of the deal and the Mavericks and Nowitzki have reached agreement on a two-year contract that could get the star forward to 20 seasons in Dallas.

In Washington, the Wizards' Bradley Beal understands the expectations that come with signing a five-year, \$128 million contract.

The Wizards' guard rattled off a list of responsibilities during a press conference on Wednesday, one day after officially re-signing with Washington.

"They made a commitment to me... making me a max player," said Beal, flanked by Wizards owner Ted Leonsis, team president Ernie Grunfeld and coach Scott Brooks.

Those responsibilities include "being a leader of the team, being a great guy in the community... and being a better teammate."

The No. 3 overall draft pick out of Florida in 2012, Beal averaged 17.4 points in 55 games last season for the Wizards, who finished 41-41. He's a career 40 percent 3-point shooter.

But Beal's been hampered by injuries, including stress fractures in his right leg.

"I know... you guys are probably thinking, can a 23-year-old handle?" he said. "The answer is yes I can. I'm going to continue to prove it."

Day sees Baltusrol for first time



SPRINGFIELD, N.J.

(AP)—Jason Day's plan to defend his PGA Championship took a turn he wasn't expecting.

It is rare for a player considered one of the favorites in a major not to see the golf course until the day before the tournament starts, but that's how the world's No. 1-ranked player will try to handle Baltusrol Golf Club, the site of this year's PGA Championship.

"I haven't played a practice round. I haven't seen the course. I don't know what it looks like," Day said Wednesday before heading out for a practice round. "I was with Doug Steffen, the head pro, last night at the champions' dinner. I went through pretty much every hole with him for about 20, 30 minutes, kind of going over all the holes. I'm going to try and touch them all today, but obviously the prep's been a little on the lighter side. So I need to come in and try to get a good, solid 18 holes in today so I kind of know where I'm going."

Day's plan had always been to take Monday off. Tuesday

up the leaderboard and show people that you're there and you're ready to win," he said. "I think if you try a little bit too hard sometimes, you can kind of shoot yourself in the foot. I think that's what I did in the first two majors."

Since the PGA went to stroke play in 1958, only Tiger Woods has repeated as champion, in 2006 and 2007. Besides chasing Tiger, Day is also trying to keep that No. 1 ranking he claimed after winning the World Match Play Championship in March. He could lose it this week if things fall right between himself and U.S. Open champion Dustin Johnson.

"It's definitely important. I really want to obviously finish No. 1 in the world at the end of the year," Day said. "But I think the biggest thing for me is to really understand what I need to do to win each week, or get myself into contention. Because the hardest part is obviously trying to stay consistent for so many years; it's very, very difficult. I think the last guy we had was Tiger Woods that was very consistent. Each week that he played, he was pretty much in contention."

Keith Hornsby, the son of Hornsby, and Stony Brook's Grammy Award winner Bruce Jameel Warney.

Questions abound on offense, defense for Broncos



ENGLEWOOD, Colo.

(AP)—The Super Bowl champs begin training camp Thursday with major questions on both sides of the ball, beginning with who will be the one throwing it.

General manager John Elway declared the Denver Broncos' quarterback competition wide open.

Coach Gary Kubiak said he'll split snaps between Mark Sanchez, Trevor Siemian and Paxton Lynch, beginning—but not set—in that order.

"Gary is very seasoned at that position, so I know he's going to handle it the right way and we'll find the right guy," Elway said.

There are also unknowns on defense such as when star cornerback Aqib Talib and pass-rusher DeMarcus Ware will be cleared to practice.

Both are starting out on the non-football injury list, Ware after aggravating a bad back in the offseason and Talib after suffering a gunshot

wound to his right leg.

While acknowledging it's hard to top a Super Bowl triumph, Elway said he expects his offense to be better this year no matter who wins the quarterback job. He insisted his standards don't dip just because he doesn't have an elite passer for the first time in four years.

"Our job is to be competitive and try to win a championship year in and year out," Elway said.

Kubiak has said "we should know a lot more in about a week" about who has the inside track to the job, but he declined to say how deep into camp he's willing to hold open the audition.

The winner gets to direct an offense that Elway reconstructed this offseason following Denver's 24-10 win over Carolina in Super Bowl 50 and the departures of Peyton Manning to retirement and Brock Osweiler to free agency.

The Broncos have just four offensive starters from the Super Bowl returning to their same position: center Matt

Paradis, running back C.J. Anderson and wide receivers Emmanuel Sanders and Demaryius Thomas.

"I think we can be better offensively," Elway said, citing the return to health of some players and better familiarity in Year 2 under Kubiak, who no longer has to operate a hybrid offense to accommodate Manning.

Led by linebackers Von Miller and Brandon Marshall, both of whom signed big contracts this summer, the defense returns all but two starters. Elway said he trusts the Broncos have the depth to seamlessly replace Malik Jackson and Danny Trevathan, who followed Osweiler out of Denver in free agency.

Kubiak said Talib should be back in action "real soon." But even if he is, possible NFL punishment and legal ramifications hang over the star cornerback who was shot in his right leg in Dallas on June 5. Police are investigating whether Talib accidentally shot himself.

Cabrera's HR bounces right for Tigers in win vs Red Sox

 **BOSTON**
(AP)—A couple of bounces worked out well for the Detroit Tigers, ending their very successful visit to Fenway Park.

Miguel Cabrera hit a tie-breaking home run in the ninth inning that skipped off the top of the wall and into Boston's bullpen, lifting the Tigers to a 4-3 victory over the Red Sox on Wednesday for a three-game sweep.

Boston was the last major league team to be swept in a series of any length this season.

"I guess if you're a Red Sox fan, a couple bounces went our way," Detroit manager Brad Ausmus said. "I look at it as Miggy hit the ball 385 feet into the wind, a ball without the wind that would have gone into the bullpen with ease."

Rookie Michael Fulmer had another solid start, giving up three runs on seven hits with three strikeouts and no walks in 7 2/3 innings. He took a one-hop grounder off his pitching shoulder, but stayed in the game.

"I think we did get a little bit fortunate with the Fulmer thing," Ausmus said.

Cubs 8, White Sox 1

In Chicago, Javier Baez hit a tiebreaking two-run homer deep into Wrigley's Field's left bleachers in the seventh, Addison Russell added a grand slam in a five-run eighth and the Chicago Cubs beat the White Sox.

Jason Hammel (10-5) allowed one run and five hits while striking out seven in seven innings. Hector Rondon pitched a perfect eighth, and Aroldis Chapman worked a 1-2-3 ninth -- striking out Jose Abreu and Avisail Garcia--in



his Cubs debut.

Reds 2, Giants 1

In San Francisco, Jay Bruce homered in his career-high fifth straight game, connecting off Madison Bumgarner in Cincinnati's victory over slumping San Francisco.

Bruce broke a 1-1 tie in the seventh inning with his sixth homer during his five-game streak and 25th of the season.

Nationals 4, Indians 1

In Cleveland, Stephen Strasburg shut down Cleveland for seven innings and bounced back from his only loss this season, leading Washington past the Indians.

Strasburg (14-1) began the season with 13 straight wins before he was beaten by the Los Angeles Dodgers on July 21.

Cardinals 5, Mets 4

In New York, Yadier Molina

and pinch-hitter Kolten Wong each had an RBI double in the ninth inning, and St. Louis rallied past New York to end Jeurys Familia's saves streak at 52 games.

Yoenis Cespedes hit a go-ahead homer off Adam Wainwright to cap a three-run comeback in the seventh that gave the Mets a 4-3 lead. But then Familia, who hadn't blown a regular-season save opportunity since July 30 last year, finally faltered.

Rays 3, Dodgers 1

In Los Angeles, Matt Moore pitched four-hit ball into the seventh inning, Evan Longoria hit a two-run homer and the Tampa Bay Rays won at Dodger Stadium for the first time.

Luke Maile had an RBI double in a three-run fourth inning to help Tampa Bay wrap up a nine-game West

Coast road swing by snapping a four-game skid.

Rockies 3, Orioles 1

In Baltimore, Nick Hundley broke up Dylan Bundy's no-hit bid with a sixth-inning homer, and Colorado used a strong pitching performance by Jon Gray to beat Baltimore.

David Dahl hit his first major league home run in his third game for the Rockies. Colorado took two of three from the AL East leaders, has won six of seven and is 9-4 since the All-Star break.

Athletics 6, Rangers 4

In Arlington, Khris Davis homered twice, Coco Crisp also went deep and Oakland beat AL West-leading Texas.

Oakland has won four consecutive series for the first time since May 2014. The A's are 9-4 since the All-Star break.

Marlins 11, Phillies 1

In Miami, Giancarlo Stanton hit a two-run homer in the first inning to lead a 16-hit attack in Miami's victory over Philadelphia.

Stanton hit his 22nd homer in support of Adam Conley (7-5), who pitched around eight hits and three walks to throw 6 2/3 scoreless innings.

Padres 8, Blue Jays 4

In Toronto, Adam Rosales hit a two-run home run, Alex Dickerson and Brett Wallace each hit solo shots and San Diego beat Toronto to avoid a three-game sweep.

San Diego extended its club-record streak with at least one home run to 25 games. It's the longest run since 2002 Texas set the major league record by homering in 27 straight.

Pirates 10, Mariners 1

In Pittsburgh, Gerrit Cole

AP
Detroit Tigers' Miguel Cabrera, center, is congratulated by Jose Iglesias (1) after his two-run home run during the first inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox at Fenway Park, Tuesday, July 26, 2016, in Boston. At left is Red Sox catcher Sandy Leon.

threw a three-hitter for his first career complete game and slumping Andrew McCutchen had a three-run home run and two other hits in Pittsburgh's victory over Seattle.

Making the 88th start of his four-year career, Cole (6-6) struck six and walked one while winning for the first time since May 20. McCutchen and Jung Ho Kang each had four RBI to help the Pirates win for the sixth time in nine games.

Astros 4, Yankees 1

In Houston, Lance McCullers struck out 10 in six innings, Colby Rasmus broke out of a slump with a two-run homer and Houston beat New York.

Rasmus snapped an 0-for-29 skid when he sent an off-speed pitch from Masahiro Tanaka (7-3) into the seats behind the bullpen in right-center field to make it 4-0 with in the third.

Diamondbacks 8, Brewers 1

In Milwaukee, Yasmany Tomas hit two home runs, Archie Bradley pitched seven innings and Arizona took advantage of Milwaukee's season-high five errors.

Tomas had his fifth multi-homer game of the season. He hit a three-shot off in the first and sliced a 0-2 pitch for a two-run homer in the fifth, both off of Jimmy Nelson (6-9).



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CNMI Sharks host Team Guahan tomorrow

The Commonwealth Football League Association's (CFLA) CNMI Sharks men's tackle football team returns to action tomorrow as it takes on Team Guahan at 2:30pm at the CPA Airport Field.

The game will be the third between the two teams.

The Sharks are coming off a big win in the Philippines against the PH Templars, 68-0, on April 9 at the Gatorade Blue Pitch Field in Makati. Despite their dominant performance in the Philippines, the CNMI Sharks are 0-2 against Team Guahan since 2013. The Sharks predecessors, the CNMI Warriors, went 0-4 in head-to-head matchups against teams from Guam from 2000 to 2004.

Not wanting to allow the



JON PEREZ

Candico Taman, left, tries to pull CNMI Sharks' Kelvin Fitial away from Ibrahim Mansaray in their friendly match in November 2014 at the CPA Airport Field.

For their part, the CNMI Sharks realize that Team Guahan is a different opponent altogether and will be loaded with all-star talents for the upcoming contest. "Our team knows that Guam is the football powerhouse in the region and is not be taken lightly," said Sharks head coach John Blanco.

"Regardless of who ever wins or loses, the game will be pretty fun for both sides. The guys do this for the love of the game. Despite the brutal nature of the game, the camaraderie amongst the players is pretty strong," Blanco added.

"One day, both the NMI and Guam will collaborate to perform on a bigger stage," Guerrero said.

The game looks to be another exciting match-up and both teams are encouraging football enthusiasts to come out and watch the game. (PR)

Olympics will showcase Brazil's diversity and tensions

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP)—Rafaela Silva hoped to get an Olympic gold medal four years ago in London. Instead she got racial abuse.

Disqualified in her Olympic judo match and eliminated from the chance of winning a medal, Brazil's Silva thought she'd find refuge in sympathetic text messages from fans in her country.

Instead, here's what she found: "The place for a monkey is in a cage. You are not an Olympian."

"The messages said I was an embarrassment to my family, so they really hurt," said Silva, who won gold in the world championships a year after London, and is among the favorites for gold when the Rio de Janeiro Olympics open in just over a week.

Silva is one of many athletes familiar with the sting of racism in a country where most of the poor are brown and black. Though a nation



of rich diversity—51 percent identify as non-white, brown, black or mixed race—racism still runs deep.

On the one hand, Brazil is thoroughly mixed. On the other, there is searing racial inequality in a place often portrayed as a "racial democracy," or "race-blind." The myth of a race-blind country has been losing force, but there's still a yawning gap between black and white.

"Behind the apparent peaceful melting pot there's a lot of tension and not much open talk about race," Marta Arretche, a political scientist who studies inequality at the University of Sao Paulo, told The Associated Press.

Diversity and inequality will line up side-by-side at the Olympics, just as they did at Brazil's World Cup two years ago. Visitors will see the country's racial politics play out in ways that are subtle, yet clear.

that way until the playoffs. The big test will be against Palau tonight (yesterday) because that team plays the same kind of basketball we have," Rangamar said.

The CNMI-Palau tiff for the top spot in the elimination was scheduled at 8pm (9pm Saipan time) and results were unavailable at press time. The playoff matches (No. 1 vs No. 4 and No. 2 vs No. 3) will be played today, while the finals and consolation games are set for tomorrow.

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Scoring by halves: 39-36, 81-75.

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upstart CNMI team too much leeway, Team Guahan is looking to bring out a strong squad to remind its neighbors to the north that Guam is still the football power in the Marianas. With a well-established football program ranging from its youth to the men's and women's ranks, Guam definitely has a clear advantage over the CNMI and other teams in the region.

Tempering their apparent dominance in the sport though, Guam head coach, Joey Guerrero said "Team Guahan always looks forward to playing against our brothers from the Northern Marianas Islands and promote a safe and healthy football game!"

BEARS

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and the Yankees' Franco Nakamura (.404/21-for-52).

In the RBIs contests, A.J. Lizama collected 20 to edge the 19 and 15 of the Brewers' Nokki Saralu and the BSI Aces' John Tudela, respectively.

A.J.'s teammate, Jeffrey foiled the former's bid for a third individual trophy after ruling the ERA department. Jeffrey had a 0.88 ERA after pitching 30.2 innings and yielding only three runs. A.J. worked the mound for 28.1 innings and gave up four runs for a 1.27 ERA.

Others on the Top 10 in the ERA leaderboard were the Aces' Muna (1.27), the Bears' Jose Lizama Jr. (1.32), the Brewers' Vince Camacho (2.00), the Aces' Mike Iguel (2.23), the Falcons' Frankie Lieto (2.24), the North Starz's Ben Lizama (2.55), and Jared Camacho (2.57), and the Brewers' Leonard Sablan (2.59).

Muna may have failed to top

the ERA race, but was ahead in the strikeouts category with his 64. He was the runaway winner in the Ks division, as three of his closest pursues—the Falcons' Lieto, the Yankees' Peter Lieto, and the Brewers' Cepeda—managed only 41 each. Jose Lizama Jr. came in at third with his 37, followed by Titanium's Joe Palacios (35), A.J. Lizama (29), Tudela (27), and the Brewers' Lancaster Secharmidal (26).

The Aces, though assured of a spot to the Final Four, still have to play the winner of the Titanium-Falcons game today to determine the No. 3 and 4 teams in the rankings. The fourth-seeded team will face the unbeaten Bears in a best-of-three semis series beginning this Monday, while the third-ranked squad will take on defending champions GSM Brewers (11-3) in a separate Final Four series, beginning on Tuesday.

JUNIOR

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been doing in those three matches. With their quickness, they were able to get steals and converted them into fastbreak baskets," Rangamar said.

The Juniors added 13 assists and also took care of the boards, collaring 41 rebounds. Versus Yap, the CNMI had more steals with 28 and matched its assists output in the first game, while getting 48 rebounds en

route to a 101-74 win. Then in its 132-53 demolition of Belau, the relentless Commonwealth players recorded 33 steals and 19 assists while hauling 73 boards.

In the three victories, Basa's wards also progressed in the foul department. They gave up 25 against Guam, lowered it down to 21 versus Yap, and then had only 7 over Belau.

On offense, although the CNMI reached past the century mark in all three occasions, their scoring options

with Wang, while Alonzo also found his rhythm, putting the final touches on Hagai's lopsided win after scoring the team's last 6 markers.

In the first game, David Cai exploded for 34 points to power Nahum past Joel.

Cai drilled 7 of Nahum's last 9 points to foil the Andrew Palino-led rally of Joel. Palino had five straight field goals in the homestretch, hoping to save the day for Joel, but Cai disappointed him, while Emmanuel Cobacha also stepped up late in the match, contributing three timely baskets.

Cobacha finished with 25 points to back up Cai, while Joshua Tenorio was the other double figure scorer for Nahum with his 10 markers.

Meanwhile, the semifinals

were not predictable and were balance. In Game 1, Greg Sablan stood out with his 23 points and he drew help from his 11 teammates. All 12 players of the CNMI also hit the board in Game 2 with Ron Atalig leading the way with his 26 markers, while in Game 3 it was N-nes Siech who top-scored for the Junior Nationals, tallying 22.

"So far so good. When we were training here, we instructed the players to get everyone involved on offense. Hopefully they can keep it

that way until the playoffs. The big test will be against Palau tonight (yesterday) because that team plays the same kind of basketball we have," Rangamar said.

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2016 PIC Laser Tag Tournament

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Gabrielle Race hides while checking on their opponents in the 2016 PIC Laser Tag Tournament held this month at the Pacific Islands Club.



A male participant in the laser tag tournament aims at his opponent.



A participant runs toward a bunker to avoid getting hit.



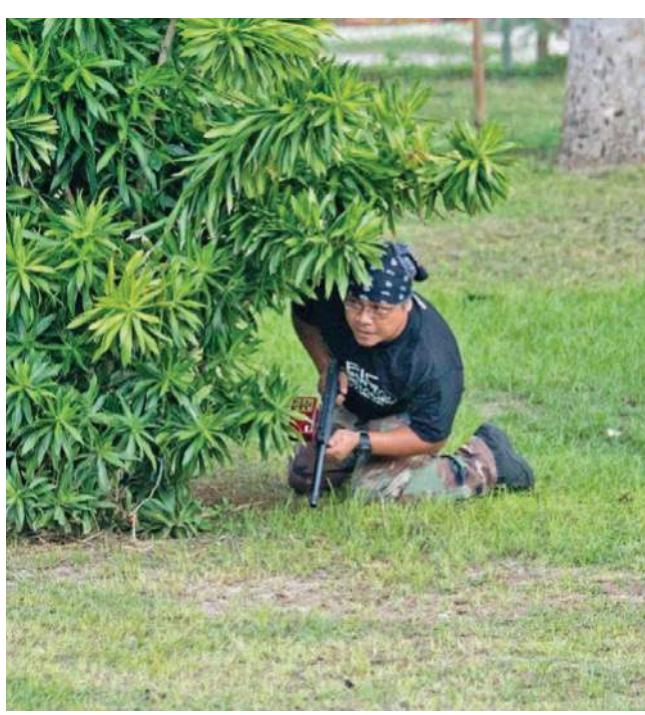
Three participants come out after being hit by their foes.



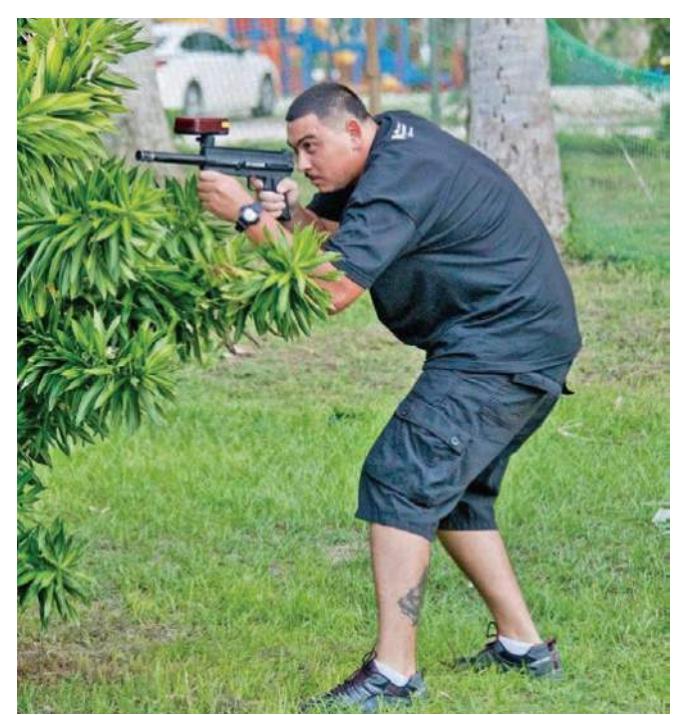
PIC's Brad Ruszala comes out from one of the make-shift bunkers.



A participant inches closer to check his opponent.



A participant takes cover from one of the trees.



A participant eyes his target.

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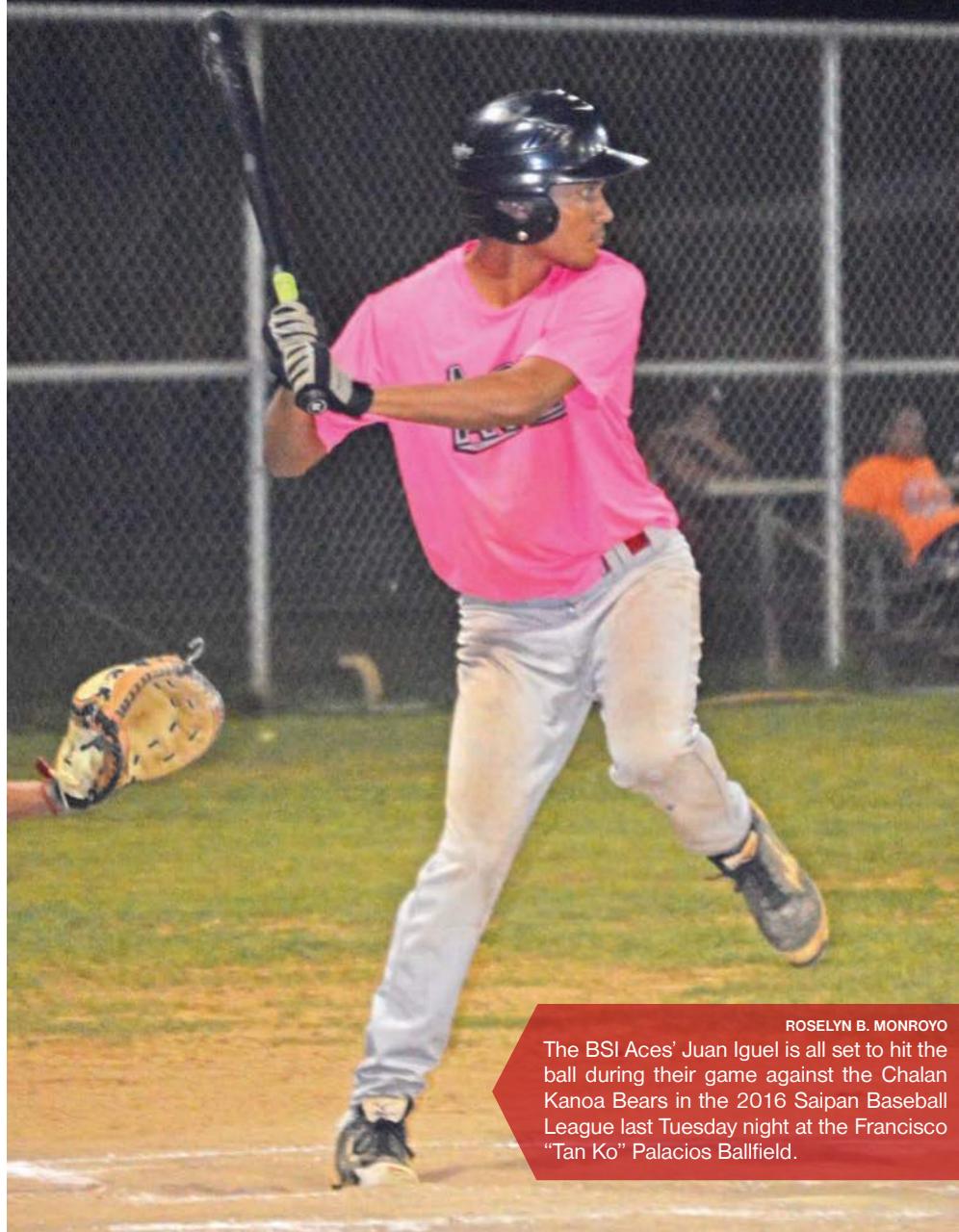
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Bears, Aces players stand out



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The BSI Aces' Juan Iguel is all set to hit the ball during their game against the Chalan Kanoa Bears in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League last Tuesday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

By ROSELYN B. MONROYO
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REPORTER

Chalan Kanoa Bears and BSI Aces players are poised to bring home majority of the individual awards in the 2016 Saipan Baseball League, which concluded its regular season last Wednesday night.

The Bears' A.J. Lizama is this year's batting champion and will add the RBI king title to his collection, while pitcher Jeffrey Lizama is the winner in the ERA race. On the BSI Aces' side, Lamarc Iguel is the co-champion in triples and home runs, while his brother Juan won the runs race, and pitcher Mike Muna ended up at first place in the strikeouts contest. A.J. Lizama posted a bat-



ting average of .466 after going 27-for-58 in the Bears' impressive 14-0 record in the double-round robin elimination. He was one of the only five players who had a batting average of more than .400 this season. The four others were the Brewers' Anthony Tenorio (.433/29-for-67), the BSI Aces' Ben Jones (.422/19-for-45), the Brewers' Pat Alepuyo (.404/23-for-57),

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Junior Nationals following game plan in MBT



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Veteran coach and Mariana Islands Basketball Federation development officer Elias Rangamar credited the CNMI Junior Nationals' three lopsided victories in the ongoing 2016 U17 Micronesian Basketball Tournament in Palau to the team's adherence to the coaching staff's game plan.

"They are doing what they are being told. The coaching staff (head coach Preston Basa and Omar Ajoste) are doing a great job implementing what we have been practicing in the last few months—which is to use the players' speed in running the team's offense and defense,"

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A CNMI Junior Nationals player makes a left-handed layup on a fastbreak play during a scrimmage at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium last week.

Rangamar said in an interview with *Saipan Tribune* yesterday a few hours before the CNMI play its last game in the elimination round against host Palau.

"These players are very young and have a lot of energy so they can really go up and down the court, play an up tempo game and do away with the zone. This kind of basketball is being played by a lot of successful teams today," Rangamar added.

With the CNMI's quickness, it managed to disrupt the opposing team's offense in their first three wins, forcing a lot of turnovers and turning these errors into easy baskets. Against Guam, which the CNMI defeated by 30 points, 105-75, the Commonwealth cagers had 20 steals and a handful of fastbreak shots.

"It has been said a lot of times that a great offense comes from a great defense and I think that's what they've

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Nahum, Hagai win last matches in Gen Cup

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 Nahum and Hagai closed out the elimination round of the youth division of the Genesis Cup Christian Churches Inter-Color Basketball League with victories in their separate matches last Tuesday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Nahum pulled off an upset over Joel, 81-75, in the penultimate game in the regular season, while Hagai routed Ezra in the final tiff, 84-41. Nahum finished the double-round robin contest with a 3-5 record to take the No. 4 seeding in the semis, while Joel ended up with a 6-2 record, but is still ranked first, beating Jonah in the tiebreak (head-to-head). Hagai, on the other hand, finally broke

into the win column, but is out of the playoff contention, while Ezra wrapped up the elimination with the

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